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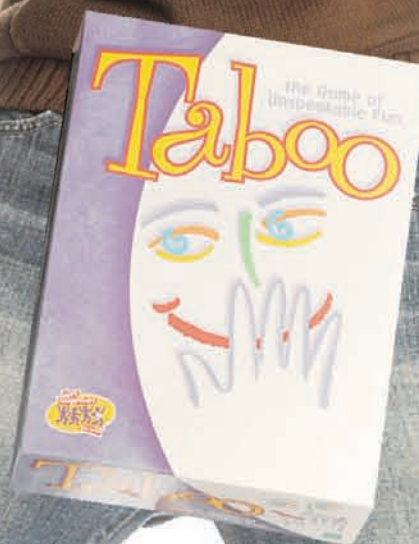
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Tuesday's winner:
"I still need for you to pinky swear that you won't run against me in 2012."
—Maria Lamothe

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72% Go without TV for a year
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2. Take a year off and travel in style around the U.S.

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NEW YORK Enough gloom and doom: There's a prediction from a leading color source that cheerful and sunny yellow will be the influential color of 2009.

Pantone, which provides color standards to design industries, specifically cites "mimosa," a vibrant shade of yellow illustrated by the flowers of some mimosa trees as well as the brunch-favorite cocktail, as its top shade of the new year. In general, Pantone expects the public to embrace many tones of optimistic yellow.

"I think it's just the most wonderful symbolic color of the future," says Leatrice Eiseman, executive director of the Pantone Color Institute. "It's invariably connected to warmth, sunshine and cheer—all the good things we're in dire need of right now."

So, if yellow will indeed be all the rage, RedEye expects a big year for ...

Mountain Dew

Excluding the "Code Red" brand, of course.

Lemonade

Neighborhood stands also could tie into Congress' next economic stimulus plan.

**The Yellow Power Ranger**

Frankly it's about time she got her due. (It's still a she, right?)

Coldplay's 'Yellow'

On second thought, maybe it's best to keep this in the past.

Big Bird

When is it *not* a big year for him?



Big Bird

President-elect Obama introduces New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson Wednesday as his choice for commerce secretary. ZBIGNIEW BZDAK/TRIBUNE

Obama targets mortgages

Barack Obama signaled a clear desire Wednesday to use a significant portion of \$700 billion in financial bailout funds to stanch foreclosures by helping struggling homeowners with their mortgages.

Obama's stance represents a policy clash with Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson, who has resisted proposals to use the rescue fund to help guarantee reworked mortgages.

In a sharper confrontation with the Bush administration, House Republicans on Wednesday warned Paulson and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke that without greater accountability Congress will be in no mood to release to the Treasury the second half of the \$700 billion.

"The government has burned through nearly \$350 billion of (bailout) funds and is pledging trillions of dollars more through other programs, yet little is understood about how these investments are contributing to the nation's economic recovery," 12 House Republicans, led by Minority Leader John Boehner, wrote to Paulson and Bernanke. **AP**

**CAPITOL
BILL****OBAMA TAPS
ANOTHER FORMER
CAMPAIGN RIVAL****Associated Press**

CHICAGO President-elect Obama named New Mexico Gov. Bill Richardson as commerce secretary on Wednesday, filling a top economic post in troubled times and placing a second former campaign rival in his new Cabinet.

Talking optimistically despite the recession, Obama also said, "We have everything we need to renew our economy, we have the ingenuity and technology, the skill and commitment—we just need to put it to work."

The president-elect called Richardson a leading "economic diplomat for America."

Obama seemed in a lighthearted mood as he made the announcement. Asked about Richardson's recent decision to shave his beard, Obama joked that he was "deeply disappointed." He said he guessed Richardson decided to jettison the facial hair after his wife found it scratchy.

Richardson, 61, was UN ambassador and energy secretary during the Clinton administration,

and he is in his second term as New Mexico's governor. He also served seven terms in the House of Representatives.

If confirmed by the Senate, he would take over a sprawling department that oversees the National Weather Service, the Census Bureau, economic development programs and more.

One of the nation's most prominent Hispanic politicians, Richardson pledged—in English and Spanish—to work to renew the economy.

Obama is considering another Hispanic politician, California Democratic Rep. Xavier Becerra, to be U.S. trade representative, according to two Democratic officials speaking on a condition of anonymity ahead of an announcement for the position.

Richardson was a contender for the State Department job, but Obama offered him the post as commerce secretary after choosing former First Lady Hillary Clinton, another campaign rival, as his top diplomat.

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Awkward encounters of the Facebook kind

I think about Facebook etiquette way too much. What began in college as a fun way to see pictures of my friends when they're drunk has morphed into a maddeningly complex social obstacle course.

Now, because my name occasionally appears in print, I sometimes get random strangers friending me on Facebook.

"OK," I'll say to myself, "a complete stranger named Shelly Brazankowski has just 'friended' me. No message, no explanation. She just wants to be friends."

If a perfect stranger came up to you on the street and asked for a photo album, all your contact information, a list of every book, movie, musician and activity you enjoy, not to mention your religious affiliation (hell, I don't even tell my parents what that is), would you tell them?

No, you would cross the street in case they had a sharpened spoon hidden in a pocket.

You know that guy or gal with 714 Facebook friends? This person is a sociopath, and I say that knowing full well someone reading this column probably just 'friended' No. 715 last night.

This is the kind of person you meet once at a party, and the next day you're looking at your Facebook friend requests and saying, "Who the hell is Rob Bartholomew?"

Then you realize it's the guy you said "Cool T-shirt" to because it had a picture of Super Shredder from "Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles 2: Secret of the Ooze."

Suddenly, because you both enjoyed the same live action Ninja Turtles movie when your age still was in single digits, you now owe him access to your closest circle of associates?

Then there is the pinnacle of awkward social networking: The Facebook relationship.

If I begin dating someone, how long do I keep it set to "single"? Even if my partner and I agree that we want to take it to the next level, what happens if things get rocky?

Who disengages the "Dating Shelly Brazankowski" link first? And what happens if I decide that I now want to date Rob Bartholomew because he has good taste in movies? How soon will I be able to set that up without pissing off Shelly?

Some people try to solve this by just avoiding the "relationship status" section all together, but trust me, you'll get sucked back in.

Soon you'll be hearing, "Hey, why haven't you accepted my dating request, Steve? Why don't you want to acknowledge our relationship publicly? You might as well put 'Random Play' in the 'Looking For' section, you pig!"

Of course, now that I've stated all this in a public domain, no one will offer me a random Facebook friendship anymore, my relationship status will become useless and I will realize how very much my ego depends upon both.

Then I will be the one dashing around on the street—asking strangers about their religious affiliation, pleading with people to list their favorite bands for me and shrieking at anyone who refuses to accept my proposition that we date. **STEPHEN MARKLEY IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**

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Parking meter holidays over?

Chicago Tribune

Parking meter holidays will be a thing of the past under a proposed privatization of the city's system a City Council committee approved Wednesday.

That detail came out during a hearing when Paul Volpe, City Hall's chief financial officer, told aldermen there will be "no meter holidays" under the 75-year lease deal. That means parkers will have to feed the meters seven days a week, all year round, and on Sundays at locations where they currently don't have to pay.

Ald. Tom Tunney (44th) suggested that new signs be posted to warn people that there will be no more free holiday or Sunday parking as of Jan. 1.

On Tuesday, city officials said the hours of operation for parking meters also would be standardized.

Mayor Daley is asking aldermen to approve a lease of the meters to a private company that's agreed to pay the city \$1.2 billion to run the city's system. The company would be allowed to raise rates every year for the next five years. Meters that cost a quarter for an hour would increase to \$1 an hour around Jan. 1.

At most meters, where a single quarter now buys 60 minutes, the charge will spike to \$1 per hour. And by 2013, it will cost \$2 an hour to park in those same spaces.

The most expensive spots downtown will increase from \$3 an hour to \$6.50 in the next five years under a lease deal Daley announced Tuesday.

Anticipating big shortfalls, Daley plans to set aside as much as \$675 million of the one-time parking meter windfall to help balance the city's budget. Last year, Daley had said the meter money would be kept in reserve instead.

CHANGING COURSE

A city Web site lists the current parking meter holidays as New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day.



Mayor Daley tours one of the CTA's 150 New Flyer articulated buses Wednesday at the 103rd Street garage. MICHAEL TERCHA/TRIBUNE

CTA struts hybrid stuff

Agency rolling out 150 vehicles that are cleaner, more efficient

Chicago Tribune

CTA officials showed off new hybrid buses Wednesday that carry more passengers and belch less emissions than the older vehicles they are replacing.

The New Flyer articulated buses are plugged into electrical sockets at bus garages each night to recharge rooftop battery packs, which provide most of the power needed during operation the next day.

It marks a big improvement over the traditional method in winter of keeping bus motors running for long periods overnight to ensure the vehicles will start in the morning, officials said.

Mayor Daley climbed aboard one of the new vehicles at the CTA's 103rd Street bus barn, touting their fuel savings and reduced engine emissions of up to 50 percent.

"The CTA will become part of a small elite

group of transit agencies that have a sizable fleet of hybrid electric buses," Daley said.

The transit agency is acquiring 150 of the 60-foot-long buses by next summer to replace buses dating to 1991 and 1995. So far, 22 of the new buses are in service.

But public health advocates said the CTA, which has more than 2,000 buses, is moving too slowly to improve air quality.

Only 30 percent of CTA's buses are equipped with filters that can eliminate most of the soot from tailpipes, said Brian Urbaszewski, director of environmental health programs at the Respiratory Health Association of Metropolitan Chicago.

Exposure to fine particulate matter causes lung cancer, asthma, heart attacks, strokes and premature death, he said.

"At the rate CTA is going, nearly 1,000 CTA buses could be operating for another decade without diesel particulate filters," Urbaszewski said, calling the CTA bus fleet one of the dirtiest in the nation.

CTA officials disagreed, saying the diesel-electric bus saves fuel by using battery

NEW AND IMPROVED

The New Flyer articulated buses, which can carry up to 125 passengers, get up to 3.6 miles per gallon, CTA President Ron Huberman said, versus the 2.4 mpg from the standard 40-foot-long buses they are replacing. Those older buses can accommodate only about 80 riders.

power and running the engine at idle when the vehicle is traveling at up to 25 mph. Engine power is increased only when the speed exceeds 25 mph, which in city traffic is not often.

The new low-polluting hybrid buses cost about \$1 million each.

The CTA is able to afford the \$156 million deal, despite tough economic times, by leasing the buses for 12 years, then taking ownership, CTA President Ron Huberman said.

The move is estimated to save the CTA almost \$7 million annually in maintenance, labor and fuel costs by retiring aging buses.



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Guilty plea in failed Metra murder plot

A Chicago man who agreed to kill his friend's ex-wife, a Metra engineer, in exchange for crack cocaine and \$500 pleaded guilty Wednesday to shooting two Metra trains in a bizarre but failed murder-for-hire plot. Telly Virgin, 33, said he never intended to kill Theodore Howard's ex-wife when he shot up two Metra engines on separate occasions over the summer of 2007, according to the plea agreement. Howard's ex-wife was not on either train.

Man sentenced for fatal car crash

A man was sentenced Wednesday to 8 years in prison after pleading guilty in a car crash that killed a Chicago man in March. Thomas Dalof, 26, was killed in the crash in the 6200 block of North Lakewood Avenue in Edgewater. Boubacar Bah, a native of Guinea, ran through a stop sign at Lakewood and Granville Avenues and hit Dalof while he was getting into a friend's car, authorities said. Bah fled the scene but later turned himself in.

Suspect captured in Englewood

Chicago police and U.S. marshals captured an Iowa homicide suspect Wednesday in Englewood. Charles Harris, 59, whose last known address was in Rock Island, was wanted in connection with the killing of a woman in Davenport, Iowa, according to the Chicago Police Department. Harris was arrested on an out-of-state warrant and is in custody awaiting extradition to Iowa.



William Balfour stands before Judge Raymond Myles Wednesday. CAROL RENAUD/COURTROOM SKETCH FOR THE TRIBUNE

No bail in Hudson case

Despite his attorney's assertion that the case against his client was circumstantial and based on unreliable witnesses, bail was denied Wednesday for the estranged brother-in-law of Oscar-winning actress Jennifer Hudson who has been charged with killing three members of her family.

William Balfour, 27, was charged Tuesday with three counts of first-degree murder and one count of home invasion.

Joshua Kutnick, Balfour's defense attorney, also told Judge Raymond Myles on Wednesday that there were no witnesses to the slayings and no connection between Balfour and the weapon that was believed to have been used in the shootings.

"Thus far it is my impression and William's impression that he has been painted as guilty in this case," Kutnick said. "And that is untrue and unfortunate. We implore the public to keep an open mind."

At the hearing, prosecutors outlined a case that is in large measure circumstantial, including the previously undisclosed fact that gunshot residue was found on the steering wheel of Balfour's car, which, authorities said, he had driven that morning to the Hudson home and later moved after the murders.

New Cook County State's Atty. Anita Alvarez said prosecutors "approved charges on this case because we believe that we have enough evidence to support our burden."

Alvarez, who was sworn into office Monday, said authorities would continue to look for more evidence in the case.

Balfour had been the prime suspect in the case since the bodies of Hudson's mother, Darnell Donerson, 57, and brother, Jason Hudson, 29, were discovered in their Englewood home Oct. 24. Hudson's nephew, 7-year-old Julian King, was found days later, shot to death in an SUV.

White House quiet on Ryan clemency

The White House on Wednesday acknowledged receiving Sen. Dick Durbin's request for executive clemency for former Gov. George Ryan, but the administration isn't saying much about the likelihood of President Bush granting it.

Also Wednesday, President-elect Obama's office said it wasn't "appropriate" for Obama to get involved in the controversy that has developed over requests for clemency for Ryan, who was convicted in 2006 on federal corruption charges.

"As the incoming president, he doesn't feel it appropriate to involve himself in pardon and commutation decisions at this time," said a statement from the Obama camp.

Bush spokeswoman Dana Perino noted Bush recently granted executive clemency to more than a dozen people before Thanksgiving and said she "wouldn't be surprised if there were more before he leaves office, but I couldn't tell you how many and I certainly couldn't tell you who."

Though Perino spoke of a pardon, which would wipe away Ryan's criminal history record, Durbin, a Democrat and the state's senior senator, is requesting a commutation. That would leave intact Ryan's criminal conviction history, but shorten his prison sentence to time served. Ryan is incarcerated at a federal correctional facility in Terre Haute, Ind.

Perino is familiar with Ryan, however. She obtained her master's degree in public affairs reporting from the University of Illinois at Springfield in 1995, during Ryan's tenure as secretary of state, and she served her internship covering the Illinois Statehouse for the CBS affiliate in Champaign.

Reward program targets dogfighting

Law enforcement authorities Wednesday announced a new reward program that would give up to \$5,000 for information that leads to the arrest and conviction for anyone involved in illegal dogfighting. The announcement comes just weeks after a tipster provided information that allowed Cook County Sheriff's police to raid a dogfight in a crowded Englewood basement.

Jordan Matyas, Illinois director of the Humane Society of the United States, said the reward amounts to a "bounty on the heads" of those who participate in the bloody activity.

City and county law enforcement officials joined Illinois Atty. Gen. Lisa Madigan in introducing the reward program, which the

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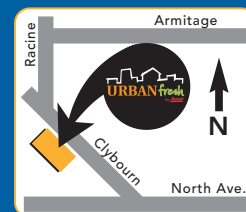
Pink Slips will soon be flying at United Airlines, which is preparing to lay off about this many workers early next year, sources tell the Tribune. The job cuts are part of an ongoing effort by the Chicago-based carrier to size its workforce to its shrinking airline operations.



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Victim's family sues Wal-Mart in worker's stampede death

1 **GARDEN CITY, N.Y.** The family of a worker trampled to death in a "Black Friday" crush of shoppers at a Long Island Wal-Mart store filed a wrongful-death lawsuit on Wednesday, claiming store ads offering deep discounts "created an atmosphere of competition and anxiety" that led to "crowd craze."

The lawsuit claims that besides failing to provide adequate security for a pre-dawn crowd estimated at 2,000, Wal-Mart "engaged in specific marketing and advertising techniques to specifically attract a large crowd and create an environment

OTHERS HURT

At least four other people were treated at hospitals, including a woman who was eight months' pregnant.

of frenzy and mayhem and was otherwise careless, reckless and negligent."

Wal-Mart, the adjacent GreenAcres Mall, a realty company that manages the property and a security company hired to patrol the property all were named as defendants. None immediately responded to phone and e-mail inquiries seeking comment.

Jdimytai Damour, 34, had been hired

by an employment agency as a temporary worker at the Wal-Mart store in Valley Stream and had been on the job about a week when he died, said his family's lawyer, Jordan Hecht.

The 6-foot-5, 270-pound man died of asphyxiation after being crushed early Friday morning by the crowd, which broke down the electronic doors in frantic pursuit of bargains.

Authorities suspect that because he was as big as an NFL lineman, Damour was placed at the entrance of the store to assist with crowd control.

Economy keeps couples together

Running into your ex almost always is awkward and stressful. David Snyder and Nancy Partridge deal with it nearly every day.

The Denver couple divorced after six years of marriage but have been forced to live together for months because they can't sell their place or afford to set up separate households in this slumping economy.

Snyder gets the master bedroom, while Partridge gets a smaller one. Snyder watches TV on one end of the house, Partridge on the other. The two split the grocery bill and kitchen duties. Sometimes they eat dinner together, sometimes apart. There are awkward silences, or worse.

"We've had tremendous arguments over things like who gets to park in the garage, but at this point, it's kind of settling down into a routine," said Partridge, 45.

Sometimes the financial implications of a divorce are so grim that a couple whose marriage is on the rocks decide to give it another try.

Kent Peterson, a longtime divorce mediator in Wayzata, Minn., said a young couple from the Minneapolis area were moving toward separation until they got a look at all the costs involved in divorce.

"The thinking was they need to work a little harder and stay together because of the changing asset picture," he said.



Familiar look

2 **WASHINGTON** In the spirit of a tough economy, holiday decorations from Christmases past are adorning the White House this Christmas. First Lady Laura Bush talked to reporters Wednesday about the holiday choices for a "A Red, White and Blue Christmas" during a sneak peek of a decked-out White House, including the official White House Christmas tree—an 18½-foot Fraser fir from Crumpler, N.C., that brushed the Blue Room ceiling. **GETTY IMAGES**



Chrysler exec uses 'd-word'

3 A top Chrysler executive warned Wednesday that a carmaker collapse could send the economy spiraling into a depression, while the United Auto Workers agreed to new concessions for their companies. Ron Gettelfinger (above), the UAW chief, said the union would go back to the negotiating table to consider further givebacks to the Big Three. **APPHOTO**

Illegal immigrants claim abuse

4 Twenty-one Guatemalan immigrants told authorities in McAllen, Texas, they were abducted from a Texas smuggler's safehouse and threatened, beaten and in some cases raped.

Surprise in a fish

5 The one that didn't get away held an unlikely surprise for a Buna, Texas, man. Joe Richardson's blue-stoned class ring, engraved with his name, turned up inside an 8-pound bass 21 years after he lost it while fishing on Lake Sam Rayburn.

Terrorist gets 22 years

6 Rejecting prosecutors' calls for a life term, a federal judge in Seattle on Wednesday reimposed a 22-year prison sentence for an Al Qaeda-trained terrorist convicted of plotting to bomb L.A. International Airport at the turn of the millennium.

Economy worsening?

7 The Federal Reserve's new snapshot of business conditions nationwide, released Wednesday, suggested the economy was sinking deeper into recession.

Bomb collar sentence

8 A man from Erie, Pa., has received 45 years in prison in a plot that left a pizza delivery man-turned-robber dead from a bomb locked to his neck.

Dallas, here we come

9 First Lady Laura Bush says she and President George W. Bush will have a house in Dallas after leaving the White House.

DIGIT

92 The oldest prison inmate in Massachusetts, a career criminal who was the first person to make the FBI's Ten Most Wanted list twice, has died at 92. Nicholas Montos was serving 33 to 40 years for robbery in the state prison in Norfolk.



1 Pirates!

Pirates ride alongside the luxury American cruise ship *Nautica* on Sunday, as seen from the *Nautica* off the coast of Yemen in the Gulf of Aden. The cruise ship was able to outrun the pirates. **AP PHOTO**

2 Warship milestone

Russia said Wednesday it is sending a warship through the Panama Canal for the first time since World War II, a short journey loaded with symbolic weight: The destroyer will dock at a former U.S. naval base, showcasing Russia's growing influence in the region.

3 Iraq attacks down

Attacks fell in November to their lowest monthly level since the Iraq war began in 2003, despite recent high-profile bombings aimed at shaking public confidence, a top U.S. commander said Wednesday in Baghdad.

4 Iran's economic woes

Iran's president has acknowledged publicly for the first time that his country's economy is taking a severe beating from tumbling oil prices, a damaging admission by a leader whose popularity is eroding ahead of a tough re-election battle next year.

5 Bangkok flights take off

The first commercial flight in a week arrived in Bangkok on Wednesday as anti-government protesters ended their siege of the country's two main airports, declaring victory after Thailand's prime minister was ousted by a court ruling.

6 Password problems

Costa Rica has replaced two top intelligence officials because a government password apparently was used to loot private bank accounts, officials in San Jose said Wednesday.

Cluster bomb treaty

Afghanistan unexpectedly joined dozens of nations in signing a treaty banning cluster bombs in an effort that supporters hope will shame the U.S., Russia, China and other non-signers into abandoning weapons blamed for maiming and killing civilians.

7 Worker released

A French aid worker kidnapped at gunpoint in the Afghan capital and later seen in an emotional hostage video was released by his captors Wednesday and is "doing well," President Nicolas Sarkozy announced in Paris.

U.S. demands Pakistan help with Mumbai attack probe

8 NEW DELHI Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice sought Wednesday to refocus India and Pakistan on a common fight against terrorism and away from their mutual suspicions of one another, but neither country seemed willing to go along.

Rice made an emergency condolence visit to India a week after a coordinated terror assault on Western or financial targets in the Indian commercial capital of Mumbai. The attackers targeted symbols of the city's wealth, tourist appeal and Western outlook. Six Americans were among the 171 people who died.

Rice spent the day urging cooperation

TENSION BUILDS

Thousands of Indians—many calling for war with Pakistan—gathered in Mumbai for a vigil to mark one week since the beginning of the deadly rampage. More than 2,000 students marched through Pakistan's capital, Islamabad, on Wednesday, shouting anti-U.S. and anti-India slogans.

between the nuclear rivals, but the rhetoric in both countries only grew hotter. The U.S. wants broader sharing of intelligence and a commitment by Pakistan to root out terror groups that have found a comfortable perch in the Muslim country.

"I informed Dr. Rice that there is no doubt that the terrorist attacks in Mumbai were perpetrated by individuals who came from Pakistan and whose controllers are in Pakistan," Indian Foreign Minister Pranab Mukherjee said.

That left Rice to say Pakistan bears a "special responsibility" to help get to the bottom of the attacks while awkwardly declining to finger Pakistani militants outright.

Mukherjee said the view that the Mumbai attacks were based in Pakistan is broadly shared around the world, putting Rice on the spot. She said she would not prejudice an investigation into the attacks.



Hard times? Where?

9 LONDON Hard times have hit Britain, but you wouldn't know it by watching Queen Elizabeth II open Parliament. The beautifully coifed queen, purple crown ablaze with nearly 3,000 diamonds, last week advised the royal family to be less flashy during an economic downturn. Wednesday, she arrived in the horse-drawn Irish State Coach, her way cleared by a Household Cavalry escort, then ascended her golden throne to read out her government's plan. **AP PHOTO**



Human noise drowns out song of whales

The songs that whales and dolphins use to communicate, orient themselves and find mates are being drowned out by human-made noises in the world's oceans, UN officials and environmental groups said Wednesday.

That sound pollution—everything from increasing commercial shipping and seismic surveys to a new generation of military sonar—is not only confounding the mammals, it also is further threatening the survival of these endangered animals.

Studies show that these cetaceans, which once communicated over thousands of miles to forage and mate, are losing touch with each other, the experts said.

"Call it a cocktail-party effect," said Mark Simmonds, director of the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society, a Britain-based NGO. "You have to speak louder and louder until no one can hear each other anymore."

An indirect source of noise pollution may also be coming from climate change, which is altering the chemistry of the oceans and making sound travel farther through sea water, the experts said.

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Instant success

Replay turned 1-yard TD run into technological milestone

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA All sports TV director Tony Verna wanted was a way to fill those boring gaps during a football telecast.

Quarterback throws ball, receiver catches ball, team walks back to huddle. There was so much time between plays, Verna joked fans could go eat a sandwich. There had to be a way to beef up the telecast, to give fans a new way to look at the game—or even something as simple as looking at the same play again.

Once Verna had his instant idea, sports on TV would never be the same.

It's been 45 years since Verna and CBS used instant replay for the first time in the Dec. 7, 1963, Army-Navy game.

The innovation was first used on a routine 1-yard TD run. Upon further review, there may be no greater technological advancement to the games we watch and how we watch them in the 45 years since that play.

Verna, 75, who called the first replay, takes a look back at that day in his book "Instant Replay: The Day That Changed Sports Forever."

In the 1950s and early '60s, blink and you missed the play forever.

"I've got to find a way for people to see what I saw in the truck," said Verna, who lives in Woodland Hills, Calif. "It was all in my mind. How do I do it?"

Verna never mentioned his idea to the announcers until he rode with Lindsey Nelson and Terry Brennan in a cab the morning of the game. "You're going to do what?" Verna recalled Nelson saying.

Verna told Nelson that he couldn't mention the possible use of instant replay in the game in case it didn't work and the network couldn't deliver on its promise.

Verna said he tried at least six or seven times in the game to debut instant replay, only to have some sort of glitch derail the plan. Navy led 21-7, and the game was almost over when the perfect moment struck.

Army quarterback Rollie Stichweh broke a tackle from 1 yard out and scored a touchdown. When Verna watched the pre-roll played back, he saw clean video. There was no rehearsal—it was time to go.

"I shouted into Lindsey's ear, 'This is it!'" Verna wrote in his book.

Viewers saw the replay seconds later. "This is not live!" Nelson screamed. "Ladies and gentlemen, Army did not score again!"

The black-and-white recordings were played at the same speed and were indistinguishable from live video.

"When that thing came back right away, I almost fell out of my chair," Verna said. "We didn't use it again. It was so hard."

That was the only use of replay in the game and it wouldn't be used again until a month later in the 1964 Cotton Bowl.

While replay was a rousing success, Verna said he "made a lot of enemies, but not any money."



This 1-yard TD run by Army quarterback Rollie Stichweh on Dec. 7, 1963, was the first play ever shown on instant replay. Back then, replays were shown at regular speed, so announcer Lindsey Nelson told the viewers: "This is not live! Ladies and gentlemen, Army did not score again!" **APFILE**

NFL goes 3-D

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES In broadcasting the world's first live 3-D football game to theaters in L.A., New York and Boston on Thursday evening, the NFL promises an "up close, personal, visceral" experience that could open a new revenue stream for the league.

The screenings for team owners, producers and journalists will use technology developed by 3ality Digital, a Burbank, Calif.-based company whose major investor is the family of Art Modell, owners of the Baltimore Ravens from 1996 to 2004.

"We are merely doing a test for our friends at the NFL to show them definitively that this digital 3-D technology is now," said David Modell, 47, former Ravens president and chairman of 3ality. "This is not something we're hoping will happen. This is now."

Eight 3-D camera crews will sidle up to 2-D counterparts to catch the game between the Oakland Raiders and San Diego Chargers on Thursday evening. The 3-D crews will work for the test broadcast, which will have its own commentators. 3-D viewers must don polarized lenses to see the action.

"All this right now is an experiment," said Howard Katz, the NFL's senior vice president of broadcasting and media operations. "We just want to get an idea of what our game would look like in 3-D. Anything beyond that is just speculation."

By the end of 2008, an estimated 2 million U.S. TV sets will be capable of handling 3-D signals, about 2 percent of the nation's estimated 114.5 million TV homes.

An experiment last year with live 3-D broadcasts involved Pace, a company founded by director James Cameron and his partner Vince Pace. They showed a live 3-D transmission of the NBA All-Star game and followed up with a 3-D transmission of Game 2 of the NBA finals between the San Antonio Spurs and Cleveland Cavaliers.

Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban also hosted a 3-D transmission of a game between the Mavericks and San Antonio Spurs at theaters in March.



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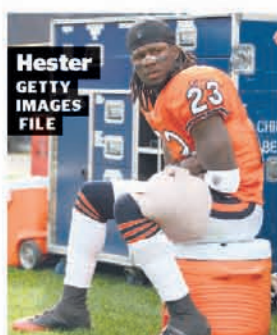
When did TV introduce the yellow first-down marker that appears on screen during football broadcasts? Text "quizz" and the number of your answer to **47383**. I'll text ya back to tell you if you got the answer right or wrong.

1. 1990 2. 1994 3. 1998 4. 2002 5. 2006

In the game

The idea of watching an NFL game in 3-D got RedEye thinking: How might seeing a game in 3-D change the viewing experience? Here's what we came up with.

» Devin Hester's failure on kick returns will be highlighted by the fact that he can run only from your sofa to the front door.



» When there's a jarring hit, it just might knock the beer bottles off your coffee table.

» Cialis commercials will be way more uncomfortable.

» You have to give the cheerleaders

\$10 for every 30 minutes of viewing.

» Chad Ocho Cinco will become Chad Dosciento Cincuenta y Cinco.

» When stadiums open their retractable roofs, you have to call a roofer.

Who's getting sloppy now?

Dear Jackass,
Don't worry, we're totally not offended.

We thought your public locker room confessional was hilarious. It was especially comical since you begged us to go on dates, mostly to generate headlines so people in North America would know your name. Just in case you didn't notice, no one outside of us watches hockey.

Hell, let's be honest here. We're not even watching the games.

Look, there's no hard feelings on our end. Really, we sympathize.

You only get attention when you're getting smashed in and out of arenas. You even broke a sacred man-law this summer when you traded fashion tips with Anna Wintour. (Guess A-Rod isn't the only one chasing cougars.)

We heard your little "impromptu" interview occurred when you called over a group of cameramen. Rumor has it they didn't even know who you were.

Sheesh, we did give you a list of some good publicists, didn't we?

We generally only use the media to exploit our own hotness, but we're glad you beat us to the punch.

We never think about you, but apparently you spend a lot of time thinking of us. And now you'll have even more time to think about us since we hear you got some "downtime."

Was telling your little childish joke so important that you'd risk ending your season?

In any event, we hope you will continue to keep us in your thoughts.

Remember those long, romantic strolls along the Pacific Beach?

Remember the naughty birthday calendar we made for you? Kim Kardashian's got nothing on us.

Remember our wild weekend in Vegas? Remember that Jacuzzi in Tahiti?

Remember those quiet nights at home? Wait ... what is that you say? You don't remember?

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Game on

Shannon J. Owens keeps tabs on athletes and celebs. Parole officers keep tabs on the rest of the panel.



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1 What have you been suspended for?	I killed a guy in junior high.	Really bad Five on Five answers.	Following the rules = get paid. So ... nothing.	Exposing a nipple shield during an end zone celebration.	I rooted for the Packers once. I had to because of playoff scenarios. I'm so ashamed.
2 How would you brag if your league won the ACC/Big Ten Challenge?	I'd challenge the winner to play the Big 12, the best football and basketball conference.	Whoopie. We're No. 1 in some lame attempt to drum up interest in college basketball.	Like marrying Britney Spears: easy.	Exposing a ... wait, no. I learned my lesson. I am a reformed human being.	Look at us, we won something meaningless. Actually, in Chicago, that makes sense.
3 How do you feel when you hear Dick Vitale?	I love him. Love him. So much enthusiasm. Hope he's around forever.	I picture Jimmy in five years.	Awesome, baby!	It's the same tingly sensation I get when someone breaks a bottle over my head.	Like ramming my head through my TV.
4 Death is not an option: Plaxico Burress or Pacman Jones?	If death isn't an option then I can't reasonably pick either one.	Death easily could be an option when these two hit the town.	Huh?	Ugh. Plaxico. You're a mean one, Mr. Question Asker.	Gotta go with Pacman. My bag isn't bulletproof.
5 The Hoosiers had a player taken out on a stretcher: Could it get any worse for Indiana basketball?	Yes. The rest of the team could stay healthy, and they'll be forced to play out the season.	They have to live and play in Indiana, so no.	Plaxico already won the award for worst week ever. Game over.	Until they're forced to recruit Adam, no.	Their fans aren't wearing bags yet, so, sadly, it could get much worse.

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The other day I asked readers what holiday specials were worth watching over sports events. The two that most talked about: “Rudolph, the Red-Nosed Reindeer” and “It’s a Wonderful Life.”

Lucky for me, “Rudolph” was on last night. I tuned in, but I also peeked at the Bulls-Bucks game. I couldn’t miss the Scott Skiles reunion. Here now, my TV picks.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Louisville at Rutgers
6:30 p.m. ESPN

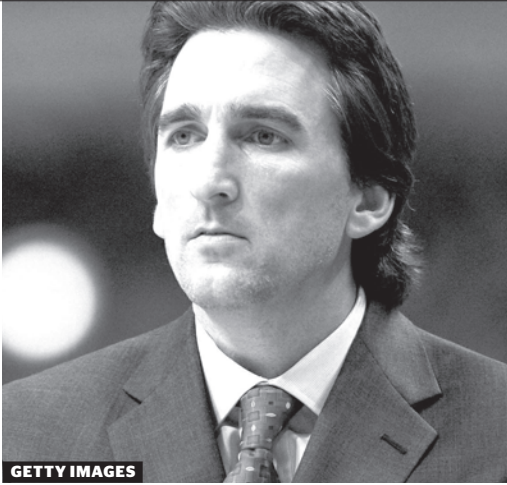
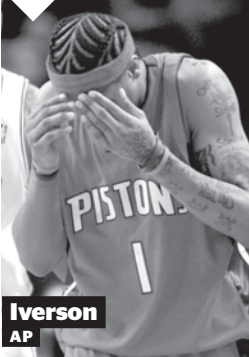
Rutgers is the Scarlet Knights, one of my favorite nicknames in college sports.

RODEO
PRCA, National Finals first round at Las Vegas
9 p.m. ESPN CLASSIC

I like seeing the bulls win for a change.

NBA
San Antonio at Denver
9:30 p.m. TNT

What do you know, now that the Nuggets don’t have Allen Iverson, they’re on fire.



VINNY DEL NEGRO VS. SCOTT SKILES

Coach class

About this time a year ago (Christmas Eve to be exact), the Bulls told then-coach Scott Skiles his services were no longer needed. He eventually was replaced by Vinny Del Negro. Skiles now coaches at Milwaukee, which faced the Bulls on Wednesday night. Awkward. Who’s the top coach? Faceoff time.

Vinny Del Negro: Full, thick, flowing mane of dark hair.



HAIR UP THERE



Scott Skiles: Umm, not a lot up top but a nice, thin layer on the back and sides.

He spent 12 years in the NBA, averaging 9.1 points, 3.2 assists and 2.3 rebounds.



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“It’s great coming back here (San Antonio), seeing all the great fans. I have a lot of great memories and they’ve had success here for a very long time. There are a lot of great people here.” —November 2008



ON HIS FORMER GIGS



“I think Chicago will come back and be a very, very good club next year again.” —April 2008

THE WINNER: SCOTT SKILES

It all comes to down to coaching experience, and Skiles has it.

MILWAUKEE 97, BULLS 90

Milwaukee bucks the Bulls

Charlie Villanueva came off the bench to score 11 of his 23 points in the fourth quarter and seldom-used Dan Gadzuric had 11 points and 14 rebounds, lifting the Milwaukee Bucks to a 97-90 victory over the Bulls on Wednesday night.

Ben Gordon scored 22 points, Luol Deng 21 and Larry Hughes 13 for the Bulls. Derrick Rose, who played 43 minutes, had 18 points and nine assists but committed five turnovers, giving him 11 in his last two games.

HOMETOWN HITS



Right-handed reliever Chad Fox and the Cubs agreed to a minor-league contract Wednesday. The 38-year-old Fox is 10-12 with six saves and a 3.60 ERA in 217 relief appearances over parts of nine seasons with Atlanta, Milwaukee, Boston, Florida and the Cubs.



FLAMES 74, VANDERBILT 55

Josh Mayo made eight 3-pointers and scored 30 points as University of Illinois-Chicago defeated

Vanderbilt 74-55 on Wednesday night. Mayo’s big night from beyond the arc was the most 3-pointers ever by a visiting player at Memorial Gymnasium, and one short of the Flames’ (4-2) single-game record.

Wednesday’s results

- » Peoria 7, Wolves 6
- » Air Force 75, Northern Illinois 55
- » The Blackhawks scored three times in the third period to beat Anaheim 4-2.
- » Craig Moore scored 20 points to lead Northwestern to a 73-59 win over Florida State.
- » The DePaul at California game did not end before press time.

HIT AND RUN

NFL

Giants expect Pierce to play

The New York Giants expect Antonio Pierce to play in Sunday’s game against Philadelphia while the team gathers information on the linebacker’s involvement in a shooting that led to the season-ending suspension of star receiver Plaxico Burress. Pierce, who was with Burress at the time of the shooting, has not talked to police about his involvement since the incident.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Notre Dame sticks with Weis

Charlie Weis will return for a fifth year as Notre Dame’s football coach despite posting his second straight disappointing season. “Though this past season fell short of the expectations that all of us have for our football program, I am confident that Charlie has a strong foundation in place for future success and that the best course of action is to move forward under his leadership,” athletic director Jack Swarbrick said in a statement released by the university Wednesday.

COPS AND JOCKS

Athletes can’t seem to stay out of trouble, and we can’t seem to look away.

5th DUI for former Lion

Former Detroit Lion Reggie Rogers has been charged with drunken driving and hit-and-run for a collision on Interstate 5 in Tukwila, Wash. The 44-year-old is scheduled to be arraigned Wednesday in Seattle. The Seattle Post-Intelligencer reports this is the fifth DUI arrest in Washington for Rogers, who killed three teens in a DUI crash two decades ago in Michigan when he was with the Lions.

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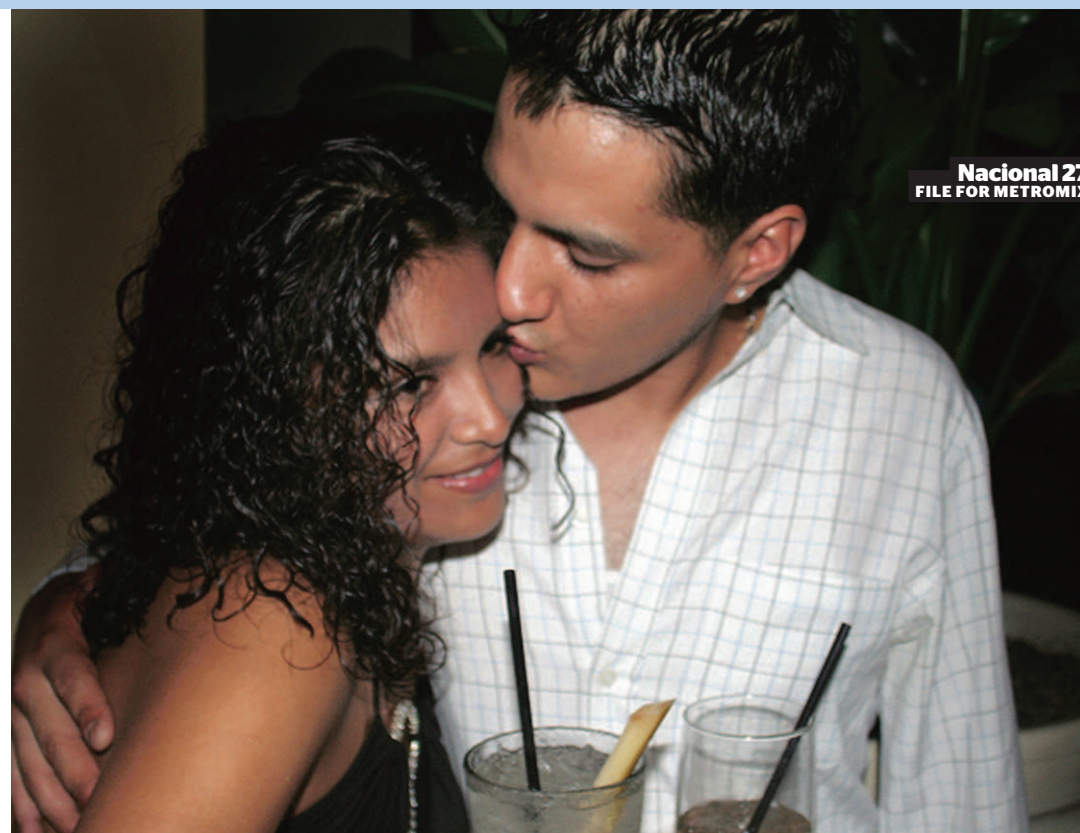
Love

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8 dates to woo your sweetie—for free

By Janine Schaults

It's (finally) official. We're in a recession. So how do you date in a down economy without taking another job just to pay for dinner and a movie? Put your money away and take your significant other to these free events. You'll have so much fun, your better half won't notice you didn't spend a dime.



Nacional 27
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THE ACTIVE DATE

What: Salsa dancing
Relationship level: First date
The date: Can chemistry on the dance floor mean compatibility in the bedroom? Time to find out. Held the first and third Tuesday of every month from 6-8 p.m., this free salsa lesson at **Nacional 27** (325 W. Huron, 312-664-2727) is geared toward beginners. Not a bad way to put a little sizzle in a weekday rendezvous.

What: Ice skating
Relationship level: Double-date status
The date: Bundle up and hit the ice against the backdrop of the city's gorgeous skyline at the **McCormick Tribune Plaza and Ice Rink** (55 N. Michigan Ave. 312-742-5222). It's a great excuse to squeeze in some handholding. Open daily from 10 a.m.-10 p.m. (except on Christmas Day). BYO skates (rental costs \$10).

DATING FOR WINE LOVERS

What: Wine tasting
Relationship level: Still getting acquainted
The date: **Fion Wine & Spirits** (426 W. Diversey Pkwy. 773-549-5400) only holds about 50 people, so the conversation will flow as easily as the vino. Sample wines every Friday from 6-8 p.m. except for Dec. 5 when Fion celebrates Repeal Day with an Ardbeg Scotch tasting. Patrons are welcome to bring or order in food, so pack a picnic dinner to soak up the alcohol.

What: Wine tasting
Relationship level: Still looking to shrink a few inhibitions
The date: Stop in at **Drinks Over Dearborn** (650 N. Dearborn St. 312-337-WINE) to ease the nervous energy. Times vary, but count on free tastings every Saturday of the month. Sample wines from Roselle's Lynfred Winery on Saturday from noon-8 p.m. and Dec. 13 from 3-7 p.m.

ARTSY DATING

What: Art gallery opening
Relationship level: You share a membership to the Art Institute
The date: Art is meant to be shared and dissected, so check out the cartoonish, Technicolor paintings of New York-based artist Robbie Busch with your favorite sparring partner at **Rotofugi Designer Toy Store & Gallery** (1953-5 W. Chicago Ave. 312-491-9501). The opening reception takes place from 6-9 p.m. Friday with Busch in attendance. Light refreshments will be served.

What: The Bravery at Metro
Relationship level: Your similarities start with matching skinny jeans
The date: Increase your hipster quotient by reveling in the sounds of this New York quintet Wednesday at **Metro** (3730 N. Clark St. 773-549-0203) as part of PUMA's 60th birthday. Tickets are free but must be acquired through the PUMA Store at 1051 N. Rush St. Concert dates, after all, mean less talking and more shared looks during especially affecting guitar solos.

HOLIDAY DATING

What: ZooLights
Relationship level: It's your first holiday season together
The date: Walking arm-in-arm through a wonderland of festive lights is bound to generate some heat. **Lincoln Park Zoo** (2001 N. Clark St. 312-742-2000) is transformed by 1.5 million sparklers into a smorgasbord of holiday cheer from 5-9 p.m. this weekend and then Dec. 12-Jan. 4. Marvel at ice carvers sculpting intricate designs or get crafty and make ornaments together.

What: Horse-drawn carriage ride
Relationship level: PDA-mode
The date: Snuggle up in a covered, horse-drawn carriage from noon-8 p.m. on Saturday as part of the **Do Division Holiday Walk** (Division Street between Damen Avenue and Leavitt Street. 312-850-9390). Boarding is as easy as getting in line. Carriages leave from three marked spots along Division. Afterward, treat yourself to free champagne at Bucktown shop Porte Rouge (1911 W. Division St.).

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Heat up

Rios D' Sudamerica, 2010 W. Armitage Ave. 773-276-0170.

Does winter's chill have you plotting an equatorial crossing? Escape to the **YWCA Holiday Fiesta**, which includes South American fusion appetizers, cocktails, raffles and a silent auction to benefit YWCA Evanston/North Shore domestic violence services. Arrive fashionably early — the first 100 guests score door prizes. 6:30 p.m. \$35-\$40.

fr 5 Conscious choice

Self-Conscious, 1021 W. Lake St. 312-719-4682.

Be among the first to check out the new Unspoken Proverbs T-shirt line at the **I'm So Self-Conscious: Fashion Show and Release Party**, which also features T-shirts by designers Enstrumental, Pharaoh Guard and Edward Ark. The party continues with appetizers, cocktails, music by DJ Timbuck 2 and discounts of up to 50 percent on store merchandise. 7 p.m. Free.

sat 6 Step right up

Aloft Loft, 2041 W. Carroll Ave. 773-782-6662.

For big top acts at budget prices, head to **El Circo Cheapo Cabaret**, a new monthly show featuring such feats as aerial hoop acts, juggling, Canadian-style clowning, hula hooping, ladder climbs and acrobatics with suspension silks. Want to join in on the fun? Contact the studio about auditioning for a future performance. 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. \$10, minus the amount of pull-ups you can do (seriously).

sun 7 Beg the question

The Second City e.t.c., 1608 N. Wells St. 312-337-3992.

For even more “change we can believe in,” don't miss the opening night of The Second City e.t.c.'s 32nd revue, **“Brother, Can You Spare Some Change?”** for a humorous look at post-election change, Facebook, interracial child rearing and Chicago-style politics. 7 p.m. \$20-\$25.

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Wilde Bar
3130 N Broadway
(773) 244-0404
7:30-9 PM

Wells On Wells
1617 N Wells
(312) 944-1617
8-9:30 PM

Friday, December 5th

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622 N Fairbanks
(312) 642-0700
6:30-8 PM

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\$2.50 Corona bottles, \$5 Long Island iced teas, \$5 nachos; 2417 N. Clybourn Ave. 773-388-1877.

CORTLAND'S GARAGE

\$3 Bud and Bud Light bottles, \$5 Ketel One cocktails; 1645 W. Cortland St. 773-862-7877.

DEJA VU

\$2 beer-of-the-month drafts, \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 import drafts; 2624 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-871-0205.

FEARON'S PUBLIC HOUSE

\$4 Stella Artois drafts, \$5 chicken wraps; 3001 N. Ashland Ave. 773-248-0990.

THE FIFTY/50

\$5 Jameson and Corzo tequila cocktails; 2047 W. Division St. 773-489-5050.

THE FULL SHILLING PUBLIC HOUSE

\$2-\$3 burgers, \$2 domestic drafts, \$3 Stoli cocktails, \$3.50 black and tan pints; 3724 N. Clark St. 773-248-3330.

GANNON'S PUB

\$2.50 domestic bottles, \$4.50 buffalo chicken strips; 4264 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-281-1007.

GRAND RIVER

\$1.50 Grand River mini-burgers, \$3 Miller Lite drafts, \$5 Bacardi bombs; 3032 N. Lincoln Ave. 773-281-9900.

HOUNDSTOOTH SALOON

\$1 sliders, \$3 SoCo Lime and Jameson shots, \$5 Miller pitchers; 3438 N. Clark St. 773-244-1166.

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Turn back the clock

Escape to another decade with these Thursday flashback bashes.



The Underground FILE FOR METROMIX

THE UNDERGROUND

9 p.m.: Old School Rewind. DJs spin music from the '80s and '90s. Admission includes a complimentary T-shirt from the Old School Boutique. Drink specials include \$10 Kool Aid cosmopolitans. \$20. RSVP for reduced or waived cover charge; 56 W. Illinois St. 312-644-7600.

KIT KAT LOUNGE AND SUPPER CLUB

5:30 p.m.: '80s Flashback Night. Watch a flick from the decade on five jumbo screens (7 p.m.). Includes \$15 tarot readings, retro menu items, \$5 VOX cocktails and half-price bottles of wine with the purchase of two entrees. The Kit Kat Divas perform as '80s pop stars. No

cover; 3700 N. Halsted St. 773-525-1111.

PLAN B

7 p.m.: Prohibition Repeal Party. Celebrate the day liquor became legit with Canadian Club cocktails, burlesque dancers and shoe shines. No cover. RSVP required: thrillist.com/chicagorepeal; 1635 N. Milwaukee Ave. 773-252-2680.

artists, DJ Jesse de la Pena spins dance and pop 9 p.m.; 610 N. Rush St. 312-660-7200.

JUNIOR'S SPORTS LOUNGE

35-50 cent wings, \$3 domestic drafts; 724 W. Maxwell St. 312-421-2277.

KREM

\$2 Miller Lite bottles, \$5 Absolut cocktails, \$4 flatbreads; 1750 N. Clark St. 312-932-1750.

LA TABERNA TAPATIA

\$2 glasses of sangria, half-price appetizers; 3358 N. Ashland Ave. 773-248-5475.

LANDMARK

6 p.m.: Thursday Fall Series. Sample \$7 Maker's Mark cocktails paired with seasonal "small bites" from executive chef Benjamin Browning. Prices vary; 1633 N. Halsted St. 312-987-1600.

LEG ROOM

\$4 imports and Absolut drinks, \$5 Absolut martinis, \$6 Jager bombs; 7 W. Division St. 312-337-2583.

MICKY'S TAVERN

\$1.75 Gordon's vodka cocktails, \$3.50 Hacker Pschorr bottles; 2345 N. Leavitt St. 773-394-3037.

MIX

\$1 call drinks and Bud and Bud Light bottles, live music or DJs spin. \$5; 2843 N. Halsted St. 773-549-3500.

MYSTIC CELT

\$1.50 mini-cheeseburgers, \$2.75 Miller Lite pints, \$5 margaritas, mojitos and raspberry vodka lemonades, \$6 margherita pizzas; 3443 N. Southport Ave. 773-529-8550.

NICK'S UPTOWN

\$5 for a house shot and a select beer, \$5 select cocktails; 4015 N. Sheridan. 773-975-1155.

O'DONOVAN'S

\$3.50 Dos Equis drafts, \$4 Maker's Mark shots, \$5 Maker's Mark cocktails, \$5 Jager bombs, \$9.95 full rack of ribs and fries; 2100 W. Irving Park Rd. 773-478-2100.

RED IVY

Half-price thin crust pizza, \$3 Hoegaarden drafts, \$4 Absolut cocktails; 3525 N. Clark St. 773-472-0900.

REGGIE'S MUSIC JOINT

Half-price burgers and sandwiches with fries, \$2.50 PBR tallboys, \$4 bombs and Malibu cocktails; 2105 S. State St. 312-949-0120.

SILVER CLOUD

20 percent off 750mL beer bottles, \$5 beer of the month; 1700 N. Damen Ave. 773-489-6212.

VAUGHAN'S PUB

\$5 Jose Cuervo margaritas, \$4 New Belgium Brewing Company bottles; 2917 N. Sheffield Ave. 773-281-8188.

VINES ON CLARK

Wine tastings 7 p.m., \$3 Guinness and Harp pints, \$4 Guinness cheddar soup, \$5 Guinness chocolate martinis, \$8 Guinness stew, half-price burgers and fries; 3554 N. Clark St. 773-327-8572.

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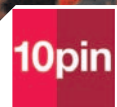
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SUNDAY

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SATURDAY

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-\$5 Bloody Bar

SUNDAY

-\$12 Coors/Lite Buckets
-\$4 22oz. Lite Drafts
-\$5 Bloody Bar
-\$5 Bombs

MONDAY

-\$2.50 Dom. Btls.
1/2 off Apps.

4535 N. LINCOLN
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SATURDAY

-\$6 Ketel One Bloody Mary's
-\$5 Ketel One Screwdrivers
-6/\$15 Buckets of Coors Light
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SUNDAY

-\$6 Ketel One Bloody Mary's
-\$5 Ketel One Screwdrivers
-\$5 Mimosas
-6/\$15 Buckets of Coors Light
-25¢ Wings

MONDAY

-\$6 Miller Lite Pitchers
-\$3.50 Jack and Cokes
-\$1 Burgers

3210 N. LINCOLN
773.525.3632



SATURDAY

-\$6 Bloody Mary Bar

SUNDAY

-\$2 Domestic Cans

MONDAY

35¢ Wing Night

1640 N. DAMEN
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SATURDAY

OSU Specials:
-\$10 32-oz OSU Mugs, \$6 Refills
-Tressel Burgers
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-\$5 Absolut Bloody Marys
-\$5 Brunch Menu until 2 pm

SUNDAY

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-\$12 Miller Lite Buckets
-\$10 32-ounce Miller Lite Browns Mugs, \$6 Refills
-\$15 Great Lakes Microbrew Mix Buckets
-\$5 Absolut Bloody Marys
-\$5 Brunch Menu until 2 pm

MONDAY

*Only when Bears or Browns play:
-\$12 Miller Lite Buckets
-\$10 32-ounce Miller Lite Browns Mugs, \$6 Refills
-\$15 Great Lakes Mixed Buckets
-25¢ Buffalo Wings

3660 N. CLARK
773.755.4444



SATURDAY

-\$10 All You Can Eat Brunch Buffet (11am-3pm)
-\$3 Coors Lt Drafts
-\$3 Bloody Mary's
-\$3 Mimosas
*Specials not valid during Cubs home games

SUNDAY

-\$10 All You Can Eat Brunch Buffet (11am-3pm)
-\$3 Coors Lt Drafts
-\$3 Bloody Mary's
-\$3 Mimosas
-\$3 Bombs
*Specials not valid during Cubs home games

MONDAY

-\$3 Burgers
-\$3 Chicken Caesar Wraps
-\$2 Miller Lite Bottles/Drafts
-\$3 Bombs
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3466 N. CLARK
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SUNDAY

SATURDAY & SUNDAY FOOTBALL BUFFET

All You Can Eat 12-5pm
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SUNDAY

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SATURDAY

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-\$6.75 40oz beers

SUNDAY

-\$2 Miller Lite drafts
-\$3 SoCo lime shots
-\$5 Bombs
-\$5 Jack
-Free Food buffet

MONDAY

-\$1 domestic drafts
-\$3 Effen cocktails

950 W. WOLFRAM
773.665.5660



SATURDAY

-\$6 Build your own Ketel One Bloody Marys

SUNDAY

-\$6 Build your own Ketel One Bloody Marys

MONDAY

-\$3 domestics
-\$4 imports
-\$10 pitchers of Sangria and Margaritas

1645 W. CORTLAND
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SATURDAY

1/2 off appetizers
-\$3 Jameson
-22oz Bu draft (\$ refill)

SUNDAY

-\$6 Sand
-\$5 Blood
-\$4 Screw

MONDAY

1/2 off a
1/2 off a
of wine
-\$3 well

3741 N. SOUTH
773.975



SATURDAY

-\$7 Pitchers of Coors Light
-\$6 Hand Crafted Bloody Mary Pints

SUNDAY

-\$3 Rolling Rocks and Iron City Bottles

MONDAY

-\$5 Sauza Frozen Margaritas and Frozen Beam and Cokes

940 W. WEED
312.337.3486



SATURDAY

-\$3 Red Bull Bombs

SUNDAY

-\$3 Miller Lite bottles

MONDAY

-\$3 Miller Lite bottles

724 W. MAXWELL
312.421.2277



SATURDAY

-\$4 Mimosas and Bloody Marys

SUNDAY

-\$4 Mimosas and Bloody Marys

MONDAY

1/2 priced apps

661 N. CLARK
312.335.8121



SATURDAY

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-\$2.75 Smirnoff Bloody Marys
-25¢ Wings til 6pm
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SUNDAY

-\$2.50 Miller Lite Drafts
-\$2.75 Smirnoff Bloody Marys
-25¢ Wings til 6pm

MONDAY

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2251 N. LINCOLN
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SATURDAY

-\$10 Coors Light Pitchers
-\$6 Miller and Coors 32oz Schooners
-\$2.50 Wings

SUNDAY

-\$4 20oz Miller Lite Drafts
-\$5 mini burgers
-\$4 Bloody Mary Pints

MONDAY

-\$15 Coors Lite Buckets
-\$1 Crunchy Tacos

1925 W. CORTLAND
773.489.0738



SATURDAY

-Bloody Mary Bar
-\$15 buckets \$4 drafts \$4 bombs

SUNDAY

-Bloody Mary Bar
-\$15 buckets \$4 drafts \$4 bombs

MONDAY

-\$15 Buckets
-\$4 Bombs

322 E. ILLINOIS
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SATURDAY

-Brunch with Mimosa Bar
-\$13 Domestic Buckets
-\$4 20oz. Miller Lite Drafts

SUNDAY

-Brunch with Mimosa Bar
-\$13 Domestic Buckets
-\$4 20oz. Miller Lite Drafts

MONDAY

-\$4 20oz. Miller Lite Drafts
-GROUP PACKAGES AVAILABLE

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-\$6.50 Bloody Mary Bar

SUNDAY

-We show ALL Pro Games
-Brunch from 10am-3pm
-\$6.50 Bloody Mary Bar

MONDAY

-\$1 Tacos
-\$2 Landsharks
-\$3 Coronas

950 W. WEBSTER
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SATURDAY

IOWA FOOTBALL
-\$4 22oz. Bud Light Drafts
-\$5 Bombs

SUNDAY

-\$12 Coors/Lite Buckets
-\$4 22oz Lite Drafts
-\$3 Jameson
-\$5 Bombs
-\$5 Bloody Bar
-25¢ wings

MONDAY

-\$2 ALL Drafts
-\$2 Bacardi Drinks
-\$1 Mini Sandwiches

3616 N. CLARK
773.244.1025



SATURDAY

-\$15 Buckets of Coors light
-\$3 Miller lite pints
-\$1.50 mini cheeseburgers & \$1.50 cups of chili from 11-5

SUNDAY

-\$2.75 Miller Lt Pints
-\$6 Bloody Marys
-\$6 Cuervo margaritas, mojitos, raspberry vodka & lemonades
-\$14 Buckets of Corona/Corona Lt
-\$1.50 mini cheeseburgers & \$1.50 cups of chili from 11-5

MONDAY

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DAY	CY'S CRAB HOUSE	THE DARK HORSE TAP & GRILLE CHICAGO	DUFFY'S CHICAGO	DURKINS CHICAGO	Finn McCool's Irish Pub	THE GRAND CENTRAL	HARRY CARAY'S TAVERN	HOUNDSTOOTH SALOON	innjoy
SATURDAY	SATURDAY Watch all NFL games on our huge HDTVs! Combo Platter (wings, rib tips, calamari) \$8.95 All domestic drafts \$3 Cy's Mai Tai \$4.50 Buy one bottle of wine, get one 1/2 price! Oysters 60¢ each Shrimp 75¢ each Wings 35¢ each \$2 Hamburgers (At bar only with two beverage minimum) Free parking!	SATURDAY \$10 buckets of domestic bottles	SATURDAY Michigan Football, Brunch from 10am-3pm \$5.50 Bloody Mary Bar	SATURDAY College Football Feast, \$25 Meal Package Includes All Day Cookout & Domestic Drafts from 9am-5pm	SATURDAY \$3.50 Bud Light Drafts \$4 Smirnoff Bloody Marys 25¢ Wings \$3.99 1/2 lb. Black Angus Cheeseburger w/Fries til 6pm. Home of Michigan St.	SATURDAY \$10 All You Can Eat Brunch Buffet (11am-3pm) \$3 Coors Light Drafts \$3 Bloody Mary's \$3 Mimosas	SATURDAY College Football Saturdays \$3.00 Coors Light Bottles \$3.50 Blue Moon Drafts \$5.00 Svedka Drinks	SATURDAY "Biggest Party in Wrigley" \$4 All Bombs \$3 PBR & Old Style Cans	SATURDAY \$4 Corona & Corona Light BTLS \$6 Jumbo Vodka & Bansai energy drink pints
SUNDAY	SUNDAY Cy's Mai Tai \$4.50 Buy one bottle of wine, get one 1/2 price! Oysters 60¢ each Shrimp 75¢ each Wings 35¢ each \$2 Hamburgers (At bar only with two beverage minimum) Free parking!	SUNDAY \$3 Iron City bottles	SUNDAY We show ALL Pro Games Huge Brunch Buffet - \$15.95 from 10am-3pm \$5.50 Bloody Mary Bar	SUNDAY Steelers Football \$3 You-call-its	SUNDAY \$3.50 Miller Lite Drafts \$4 Smirnoff Bloody Marys 25¢ Wings \$3.99 1/2 lb. Black Angus Cheeseburger w/ Fries til 6pm	SUNDAY \$10 All You Can Eat Brunch Buffet (11am-3pm) \$3 Miller Lite Drafts \$3 Bloody Mary's \$3 Mimosas \$3 Bombs	SUNDAY \$6.00 Bloody Marys \$3.00 Miller or Miller Lite Bottles Wrigley's biggest and best brunch	SUNDAY Check out our Southern Style Brunch Package From 11am-3pm Country Night Part II: \$5 Pitchers of Miller Lite & High Life, \$5 40oz Beers, \$3 Jameson and SoCo Line shots, \$1 Sliders	SUNDAY \$2.50 Bud & Budlight BTLS \$6 Stoli Bloody Mary's
MONDAY	MONDAY \$1 burgers	MONDAY \$5 Salads \$15 Buckets and \$30 Barrels of Corona, Corona Light and Pacifico	MONDAY \$3 You-call-its	MONDAY \$1 Coors Light Drafts \$6.99 NY Strip Steak	MONDAY \$3 Burgers \$3 Chicken Caesar Wraps \$2 Miller Lite Bottles/Drafts \$3 Bombs	MONDAY \$2.00 Budwiser Products \$3.00 Goose Island Products	MONDAY \$20 cent wings \$10 Buckets of Miller Products \$4 Jager Bombs	MONDAY \$2.50 Miller Lite & Highlife BTLS \$4 Jameson shots and 25¢ wings	MONDAY
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SATURDAY	\$5 Jumbo Smirnoffs \$4 Grolsch Bottles \$4 Bloody Mary's	\$10 pitchers of Coors Light \$6 Chicken N Waffles	Wisconsin Football \$7 32 oz. Badger Mugs Brunch from 10am-3pm	\$20 6-Pack Buckets of Coors & Coors Light \$5 Bloody Marys \$4 Illini Mimosas \$6 Orange Crush Bombs	1/2 off food	\$15 Call Cocktail mini pitchers \$6.75 40oz beers	\$15 Buckets of Coors Light \$4 Raspberry Vodka lemonades \$5 Jager Bombs	\$3 all domestic drafts \$5 all bombs	Notre Dame Football	\$8 Pitchers Bud Light \$3 All Bud Family Bottles \$5 Jaeger and Effen Bombs
SUNDAY	\$5 Jumbo Smirnoffs \$4 Grolsch Bottles \$4 Alpha King Pints \$2 Bud Light Pints \$4 Bloody Mary's \$5 Dozen Tasty Wings	\$4 20oz Miller Lite Drafts \$5 Effen Bloody Mary's \$5 Breakfast Sliders	Vikings Football Brunch from 11am-3pm \$15 Buckets of Domestic BTLS \$20 Buckets of Premium BTLS	\$15 Buckets (5 bottles) of Miller & Coors Products \$5 Bloody Marys \$4 Mimosas \$5 Bombs	\$3 everything at the bar	\$2 Miller Lite drafts \$3 SoCo lime shots \$5 Bombs \$5 Jack Free Food buffet	\$2.75 Miller Lite pints \$5 Bloody Marys \$3.50 Stella Artois pints \$5 Margaritas & mojitos	\$2 Miller Lt Bottles \$3 Mimosas \$4 All Bombs \$3 Bloody Mary	\$2 Domestic BTLS ALL Pro Games	25¢ Jumbo Wings \$3 Coors/Coors Light Bottles \$3 Drafts 1/2 off all Belgian Beers
MONDAY	Half Price Bottles Wine Half Price All Appetizers \$4 Grolsch Bottles \$3 Sierra Drafts \$2 Domestic Cans	\$4 20oz Imperial Guinness Draughts \$15 Buckets of Coors Light \$8 Meatloaf Stacks	\$3 You-Call-Its	1/2 Priced Appetizers 4-7pm \$7 14" Pizzas \$15 Buckets (5 bottles) Coors & Coors Light Free Pool All Night!	\$2.50 Bud Family Drafts	\$1 domestic drafts \$3 Effen cocktails	\$3 Blue Moon, Fat Tire & 312 Pints \$5 Mai Tais 1/2 price pizzas	\$2 Bud/Bud Lite Bottles \$3 Cosmopolitans \$4 All Bombs	\$6 Domestic Pitchers	10¢ wings \$3 Stoli Drinks (all flavors) \$8 Miller Lite Pitchers
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It's good to be bad

Greetings, fellow burger lovers! How kind of you to join me once again on my quest for the perfect patty.

This month, on the advice of a kind reader, I ventured to Villains Bar & Grill to try the 10-ounce sirloin burgers. The selection was fine indeed: seven burgers—nine if you count the turkey and garden burgers—with clever names that glorify crimes befitting gangsters of yore. Options start basic with The Classic Hit (\$8), a standard burger with lettuce, tomato, onion and pickles, and work their way up to fully loaded creations such as the Super Villain (\$11), with bacon, Swiss cheese, guacamole, caramelized onions, lettuce and tomato.

A hip neighborhood spot, Villains isn't as rough around the edges as the name might suggest. I did, however, spot signs behind the bar announcing the presence of "Kick-ass food, killer beer." Now, a proper gentleman such as the Great Burgerelli generally demurs from such coarse language, but in this case, it's simply too fitting to deny.

Burgerelli's breakdown

The burger: Most delightful! My burger was a lovely medium rare with a juicy center and nicely charred exterior. Best of all, steam was still rising off

the patty after several bites. If you're the sort who doesn't appreciate a little char on the edges of your burger, take note: Villains may not be for you. The Great Burgerelli, however, is not that sort of fellow.

The bun: At first bite, I found much here to like. But after a few more juicy bites, I noticed that the bottom half of the bun was far too thin. The Great Burgerelli certainly doesn't mind a bit of burger juice, but this bun was soaked through.

The fixings: I have few quibbles here. Lettuce and tomato were crisp and fresh and cheese was evenly melted. More indulgent toppings were mightily delicious, though not always as advertised—"caramelized onions" were really just grilled onions, and "avocado" turned out to be guacamole.

Everything else: Oh, there is nothing finer than a well-cooked tot! Villains' tater tots were a most appealing specimen, crisp on the outside and soft and steamy inside. The Great Burgerelli, who's been known to enjoy a tippie from time to time, also was quite pleased to find the genial chap behind the bar pouring fine ales such as Lagunitas Brown Shugga (\$5) and Surly Darkness (\$7).

Burgerelli's bottom line: The burgers at this unassuming little South Loop bar more than passed muster. If this is the life of a true villain, the Great Burgerelli may need to consider a career change.



Villains' Classic Hit
JASON LITTLE FOR METROMIX

About the Great Burgerelli

Who is the Great Burgerelli, you ask? I, the Great Burgerelli, am a fearless seeker of fine burgers. I have no patience for simple hot dogs. Chicken sandwiches bore me. And don't even get me started on Italian beef!

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By Michael Schmitt
FOR REDEYE

Brian Bender describes his band, A Birdsong Valentine, in an unusual way.

"It's like Captain Planet on steroids," he says, adding that the quartet's high-velocity hardcore and post-grunge rock isn't like anything else you've heard.

"We incorporate a lot of different sounds and genres to create that A Birdsong Valentine feel," he says. "We are very passionate about the music. All the players are pro and deliver a unique style to the songs."

A Birdsong Valentine's individuality hasn't gone unnoticed. The band recently finished its second album, "Sink or Swim," with the help of producer Matt Mercado. The band's music also was included

on a Hot Topic sampler disc alongside such acts as Motion City Soundtrack and Capital Lights.

But to vocalist Bender, this success comes not just from the quality and style of A Birdsong Valentine's music, but from the special chemistry between bandmates.

Not that such a collection of musicians was easy to come by. The group went through five or six drummers because of commitment issues—bandmates lost one to a disco-cover band—before settling on Nate Bauman.

"It's almost like a marriage," Bender says. "If the chemistry works well, you can get a lot out of it. With A Birdsong Valentine, we respect one another musically but will challenge each member to go above and beyond creatively, musically and physically."

Lil Wayne, Coldplay up for Grammy album of year

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES Two of the biggest-selling albums of the year—Lil Wayne's "Tha Carter III" and Chris Martin and Coldplay's "Viva La Vida"—were nominated for album of the year Grammys on Wednesday, along with Radiohead for their groundbreaking CD "In Rainbows."

Rounding out the category was singer-songwriter Ne-Yo's "Year of the Gentleman," and Robert Plant's musical collaboration with Alison Krauss, "Raising Sand."



Lil Wayne



Chris Martin

The nominations were unveiled during a live concert special featuring the Foo Fighters, Celine Dion and others, designed to provide a grander showcase for music's top awards show.

Also nominated were the Jonas Brothers for the best new artist category. While the Jonas Brothers have already released two CDs, their latest, "A Little Bit Longer," was their biggest yet in their breakthrough year. The teen sensations join Duffy and Adele, both U.K. singers with a soul bent; singer-songwriter Jazmine Sullivan; and breakout country act Lady Antebellum.

The Recording Academy typically has announced their nominations like most top awards shows, during a morning news conference. But in an era where awards shows are as commonplace as reality shows, even the top-tier events are finding it hard to stand out.

So they put on the prime-time event, which kicked off with past Grammy winner Mariah Carey singing a song from her classic Christmas album, decked out in a short red minidress to give some holiday cheer.

LL Cool J and likely Grammy nominee Taylor Swift were the shows hosts. Swift, who at just 18 has become one of country and pop's best-selling stars, was a best new artist nominee last year.

"The Grammy Nominations Concert Live! — Countdown to Music's Biggest Night," held at the Nokia Theatre, also will celebrate the opening of the new Grammy Museum next door.

The Grammy Awards are scheduled for live broadcast on CBS on Feb. 8. Last year's show drew 17.2 million viewers, making it one of the least-watched Grammys and continuing the trend of shrinking awards-show audiences.

On the download top downloaded songs from Nov. 25 to Dec. 1

Chicago Top 10

No.	Song, Artist	LW	No.	Song, Artist	LW
1	"Whatever You Like" T.I.	4	1	"Live Your Life" T.I. w/ Rihanna	7
2	"Live Your Life" T.I. w/ Rihanna	8	2	"Whatever You Like" T.I.	4
3	"Can't Believe It" T-Pain	1	3	"Miss Independent" Ne-Yo	20
4	"Miss Independent" Ne-Yo	27	4	"Can't Believe It" T-Pain	1
5	"Let It Rock" Kevin Rudolf	2	5	"Let It Rock" Kevin Rudolf	2
6	"Hot N Cold" Katy Perry	6	6	"Right Now (Na Na Na)" Akon	3
7	"Right Now (Na Na Na)" Akon	3	7	"Swing" Savage	8
8	"Womanizer" Britney Spears	20	8	"Hot N Cold" Katy Perry	10
9	"Bust Your Windows" Jazmine Sullivan	37	9	"Green Light" John Legend	21
10	"Better In Time" Leona Lewis	35	10	"Better In Time" Leona Lewis	38

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Break out the dice, cards
and spinners—it's playtime

Are you game?

By Ryan Smith
FOR REDEYE

It's another raucous Friday night in Wrigleyville, but neighborhood bar Guthries Tavern isn't filled with thumping techno, obnoxious dancing, earsplitting karaoke and the other trappings of the typical nightlife scene. Instead, people are hunched over Scrabble, Clue and Monopoly boards that sit in the middle of almost every table.

One particularly intense game of Trivial Pursuit isn't going the way Donna McCann wants.

Much to her chagrin, McCann, 25, has one fewer "pie" piece than tablemate Troy Hutchinson.

"I'm competitive, and I really want to beat him in this," she tells RedEye. "It's what keeps me coming back."

McCann's addiction to gaming glory is spreading throughout Chicago, where a growing number of twentysomethings seem inclined to break out dice, cards and spinners. Dozens of bars, coffee shops and dedicated game shops in the Windy City offer free board games for play, said Jeremy Murphy, co-owner of Chicagoland Games, an Edgewater store that opened in early November and caters primarily to the hard-core gaming crowd.

"I think we've watched the market grow in Chicago," Murphy said. "Some of the stereotypes are true—we still have 40-year-old virgins sometimes—but you see all sorts of new people playing all the time."

Sales of board games and puzzles in the U.S. are up 8 percent in 2008, according to the market research firm NPD Group.

Reyne Rice, a trends specialist for the Toy Industry Association, thinks winter weather has a lot to do with the board-game boom.

"I think you're seeing it a lot in cold weather cities this year," Rice said. "With the economy the way it is, people are going to

TOP BOARD GAMES

Sales of new board games are growing in the U.S., according to market research firm NPD Group. Retail sales reached \$780 million for the 12 months ending October 2008, which is up 8 percent from the same period ending October 2007.

An NPD Group spokesman said since playing games is a group experience, most sales are tagged for "multiple recipients," so the company is unable to break down sales by age demographics. Also, actual sales numbers per game are not available. **R.S.**

BEST SELLERS

From Oct. 2007 to Oct. 2008

- >> Clue
- >> Life
- >> Monopoly
- >> Scene It?
- >> Scrabble

SOURCE: NPD GROUP



MORE INSIDE

We rate five new board games. **Page 39**

the movies less, taking fewer vacations and instead are taking 'staycations.' They're hanging out with friends and family and playing these games."

Toy giant Hasbro has taken notice of the number of younger adults who play board games and is directly marketing a new party game called "Partini"—a collection of six drinking-themed party games—squarely at them.

"It's definitely a big market for us," said Mike Hirtle, head of Inventor Relations for Hasbro. "Party games like Taboo and Pictionary are as popular as ever."

Roommates Allison Cote and Leah Diedrich, also at a recent Guthries game night, played a sanitized board game version of a familiar R-rated party game called Marry,

Date, or Dump.

"Shakira's hips don't lie; I'd definitely date her," said Cote, 26, of Wrigleyville as she flipped a card with three pop stars' names printed on it.

Though board games might seem like a quaint entertainment option in the era of YouTube, Blu-ray movies and Nintendo Wii, Tim Walsh, the inventor of TriBond and author of a game and toy history book called "Timeless Toys," said speculation about the genre's demise has been going on for decades.

"When video games came out in the '80s, I remember people were predicting then that board games would die out," Walsh said. "But they don't, I think, because they're relatively cheap, they're entertaining and you get that social interaction that's not the same when you're behind a computer screen."

According to Murphy, twentysomethings are becoming gaming hobbyists because many grew up playing sophisticated, card-based games such as Pokemon and Magic: The Gathering.

Mike Samuels, 19, admits that he's part of that demographic. He estimates he spends more than 20 hours a week at Chicagoland Games playing games like Arkham Horror, a game based on the work of 1920s author H.P. Lovecraft that often takes three or four hours to play.

"A lot of my friends are here, and I love the socializing, the competition and the strategy," Samuels said. "All of it attracts me."

For Justin Sheehan of Rogers Park, the pleasure of going to Guthries twice a week is simple.

"What can I say? I like beer and board games," said Sheehan, 26. "You can go and hang out with people that aren't even gamers and play a social game like Apples to Apples, and it's just a lot of fun."

RYAN SMITH IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.



Chicago plays

Here are some popular board games being played in Chicago:

CONNECT 4

Kanye West isn't the only one obsessed with the colorful vertical checkers game.





Allison Cote plays a game of Knowledge with friends at Guthries Tavern.
KATE DOUGHERTY FOR REDEYE

Speed gaming

Simple, fun and short: three words that describe some of the most popular board games among young adults in Chicago.

That's no coincidence, says Reyne Rice, a trends specialist for the Toy Industry Association.

"Dedicating three to four hours to a game like Monopoly can be tough for most people," she said. "The big thing right now is 'game snacking,' where you and your friends only have to play a game for 20 minutes to an hour."

Will Jenkins, a 28-year-old Lakeview accountant, said he likes to play Scrabble because of its ease and simplicity.

"I never liked those boring games where it takes all night," he said. "I always wanted to quit halfway through."

Game companies seem to be catching on to the trend. Recently, Hasbro introduced a new version of Risk with new rules to ensure that a game can be played in less than an hour. Rio Grande Games President Jay Tummelson suggested that the current popularity of European games among adults could be due to these same factors.

"I think the German games are really popular right now because they can be played in an hour, yet there are a lot of strategy and tactics involved," said Tummelson, who noted that sales of his company's reproductions of German board games like Carcassonne increased by 50 percent this year. "It's not all luck or a roll of the dice." R.S.



BATTLESHIP

Who doesn't love yelling "You sunk my battleship!" at inappropriate times?



SCRABBLE

Sure, everyone plays it or some form of it on Facebook, but this word game still is a hit in the non-digital world.

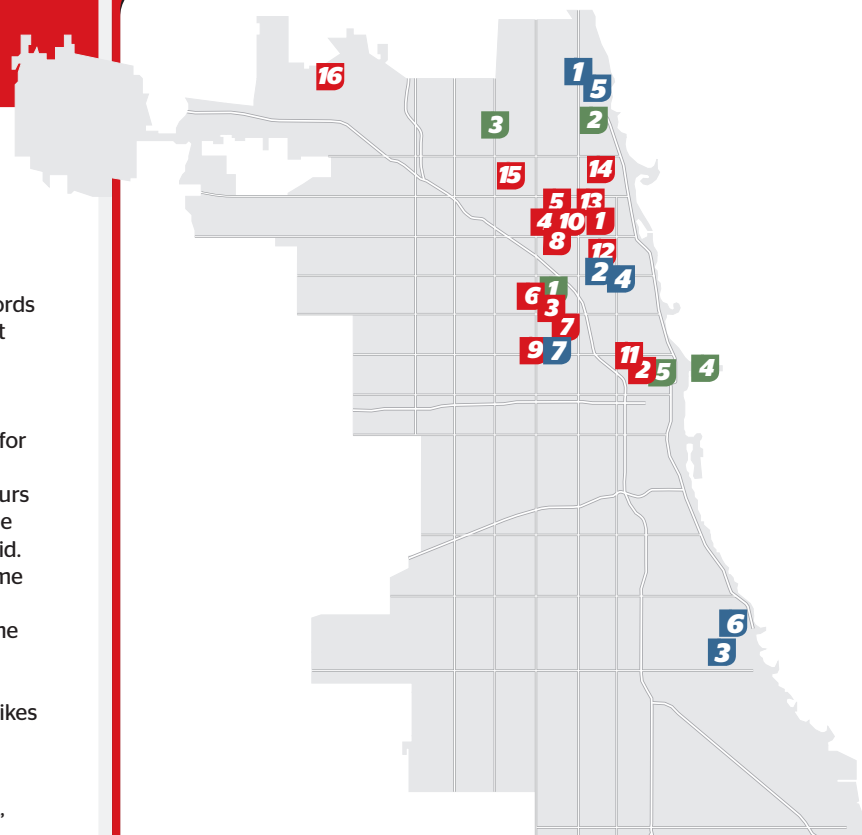


TRIVIAL PURSUIT
Forget the TV version hosted by Peter Brady. The original board game still rules.



SETTLERS OF CATAN

The most popular of the new wave of German-style board games.



Where to play

Board game enthusiasts can share their hobby all over the city. Here are several—but we're sure not all—of the Chicago bars, coffee shops and gaming places that have board games guests can play.

GAME STORES

- 1 Cat and Mouse Game Store, 2212 W. Armitage Ave.
- 2 Chicagoland Games Dice Dojo, 1207 W. Bryn Mawr Ave.
- 3 Black Sun Games, 5426 N. Kedzie Ave.
- 4 Go! The Game Store, 700 E. Grand Ave.
- 5 Go! The Game Store, North Bridge Mall, 525 N. Michigan Ave.

BARS & RESTAURANTS

- 1 Guthries Tavern, 1300 W. Addison St.
- 2 Blue Frog Bar & Grill, 676 N. LaSalle St.
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- 4 Village Tap, 2055 W. Roscoe St.
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2-8 players, ages 12+ (\$40; hasbro.com)

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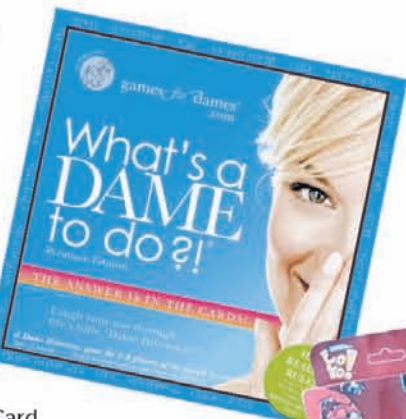
How to play: Connect similar-looking tiles to form a "filmstrip." Be the first to lay down all your tiles after 13 rounds of play.

What's a Dame to Do?

2-8 female players, ages 18+ (\$34; gamesfordames.com)

Goal: Choose the most appropriate—and funny—responses for your friends who are stuck in awkward hypothetical dilemmas.

How to play: One player, the Dilemma Dame, reads her Dilemma Card aloud. Other players submit their response cards, and the Dilemma Dame awards points by voting on her favorite. The player with the most points after the last Dilemma Card has been played wins. Sample: You accidentally bump a guy's crotch on the bus. What's a dame to do? Start a conga line.



Bored no more

Try one of these 5 new board games

By Eric Gwinn

With board games growing in popularity, we decided to find five great new games. They're easy to explain and can be played in a half-hour or less. You can find them at the sites listed, stores such as Wal-Mart, Target, Go, Calendar Club, Barnes & Noble, and at amazon.com. For hard-to-find games, try shops such as Cat & Mouse (2212 W. Armitage Ave.; 773-384-4454) and Marbles the Brain Store (55 E. Grand Ave.; 312-494-7769). **TRIBUNE**

LoYo!

2-4 players, ages 7+ (\$16; loyogame.com)

Goal: At the end of the game, have cards that total the fewest points.

How to play: Each player receives four face-down cards—each numbered 1 to 9, with special cards numbered 15. After glancing at two cards, the player can replace a held card with one drawn from the deck. After six rounds, card values are tallied and the lowest score wins.



Pictureka

2+ players, ages 6+ (\$23; hasbro.com)

Goal: Collect cards by quickly finding the object or objects on each card.

How to play: Flip a card and find the object(s)—five men with beards, for example—among the hundreds of crazy illustrations on the board. "Pictureka" = Picture+Eureka ("I found it!"). The wacky illustrations and simple gameplay are the stars. Successfully perform the task and keep the card; the first person to collect six cards wins.

The Chain Game

2-8 players, ages 10+ (\$25; otb-games.com)

Goal: Be the first to lose all your link tokens by quickly saying a word that relates to the previously spoken word.

How to play: Flip a card with a word—e.g., "fish"—and the player to the left says a related word—e.g., "fish sticks"—followed by the next player—who might say "drumstick." Play continues until someone falters or breaks the chain, and must give up a link token. When one player's last link is gone, the game ends and the player with the most links wins.



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Hawaii's new lure: Obama tourism

Associated Press

Hawaii already lures millions of tourists each year, but now the state has another draw: President-elect Obama.

The sole existing Obama-related tour is a 90-minute stroll through the middle-class Honolulu neighborhood where Obama spent most of his preteen and teenage years. It's led by Jack Christenson, who goes by the moniker Uncle Jack.

Christenson said he started his Obama neighborhood excursion a few weeks ago so tourists can go to "the place where it happened. That brings reality to it."

His tour includes a walk past the apartment tower where Obama and his late grandmother, Madelyn Dunham, lived. There also are stops outside Punahou School, which Obama attended from 1971 until high school graduation in 1979, a smaller apartment build-

ing where Obama's mother and sister lived briefly, and the Baskin-Robbins ice cream parlor where he worked.

Besides Uncle Jack, at least two other entrepreneurs are preparing their own for-profit tours. And other established businesses have for months been selling T-shirts festooned with Obama's name or visage.

Obama's legacy here should help promote Hawaii as a tourist destination, said Juanita Liu, the interim dean of the School of Travel

Industry at the University of Hawaii.

"Hawaii has traditionally been associated with sun, sand, recreation and leisure, and now we have the person in the highest office in the country," she said. "So it gives Hawaii greater credibility as well as visibility."

Besides the sites where Obama lived or was schooled, there isn't much to see for those

WHAT'S ONLINE

At least a few people in Hawaii are gearing up for Barack Obama-related tourism, with two Web sites popping up recently:

>> Obama Hawaii:
obamasneighborhood.com
>> Hawaii Tourism Authority:
gohawaii.com/obama

AP



Guide Jack Christenson leads a tour past Punahou School and other spots throughout the Honolulu neighborhood in which President-elect Obama grew up. AP

curious about his Hawaii history.

There's Sandy Beach, where he surfed as a teenager and swam as a presidential candidate during his vacation last August; the Chowder House restaurant, where a modest window sign advertises that the former senator was a customer; and other similarly ordinary spots.

That is not deterring Mitch Berger, president of Guides of Oahu. He said customers have increasingly asked where Obama lived. So he plans to start minibuses of just Obama-related sites soon.

"I'm continually getting questions on things that shaped the man who is to become our 44th president," he said.

Another effort, to be called Obama Ohana Tour, expects to start up before Inauguration Day on Jan. 20, said Dianne Washington-Kay, who along with a friend, Mike Irvine, is developing the business.

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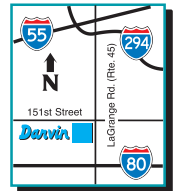
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The Gold Coast children's boutique offers 30 percent off all merchandise, including sale items, through Friday.

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Southport Avenue between Belmont Avenue and Byron Street

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A trunk show from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday will feature the Yana collections and jewelry by Kreative Soul. The salon also will do makeup touch-ups, hair consults and eyebrow arching. The first 100 guests get gift bags.

Red Carpet Walk Out

Macy's on State Street Narcissus Room,
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The World AIDS Day Committee and Macy's host a fashion show from 6 to 9 p.m. Friday to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS. The fashion show will include celebrity models, such as Isis King of "America's Next Top Model."

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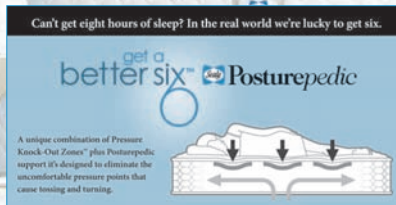
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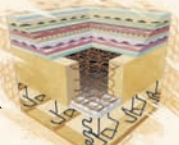


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The wedding bell blues

I came home from work a few weeks ago to find my partner standing in the kitchen with a very serious look on his face. When I asked what was wrong, he handed me a letter that had arrived in the mail.

I immediately thought it was an audit from the IRS or a note saying that my subscription to Entertainment Weekly had run out.

But it was much, much worse.

With trembling hands I took the envelope, tore it open and removed what was inside. From the moment I saw that superfluous piece of tissue paper I knew what it was: a wedding invitation.

I struggle every time I am invited to a wedding. Part of me wants to go and celebrate in my straight friends' love for each other but another part of me wants to boycott until I am given the same civil rights as everyone else.

Aren't I, a tax-paying citizen, entitled to cake, gifts and the gay chicken dance just as much as everyone else? Hell, we invented the YMCA, and we can't even dance to it at our own receptions.

Gay marriage has been a hot-button issue lately. On Nov. 4, this country took a giant step forward with electing Barack Obama as president, but we

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took a step back as well when Proposition 8, the measure to amend the California state Constitution to outlaw same-sex marriage, was passed.

Most of the people who oppose gay marriage say that they want to protect the sanctity of marriage—whatever that means. I don't see these people getting all up in arms when celebrities have multiple weddings.

I want to get married only once, not twice like John McCain or three times like Rush Limbaugh.

Perhaps if we really want to protect the sanctity of marriage, we should outlaw divorce.

My friend Doug has gone to more weddings in the past six months than I have in the past six years. He said he doesn't want to begrudge his straight friends of their happiness, but in the back of his

mind, he's thinking how unfair it is that they can get married and drag him through a boring ceremony when he can't do the same.

Luckily there's always free booze at the reception in which to drown his sorrows.

For those who oppose marriage equality, I ask what's scarier: Two women signing a marriage certificate at city hall or watching our country dive into an economic depression?

If you really want to boost this sagging economy, legalize same-sex marriage.

The government will get the cost of the thousands of marriage licenses, the wedding industry will experience a huge business boom from catering to hall rentals to gift registry to tux rentals—so what if it's for gay weddings. Trust me, the gay community will spare no expense to throw a lavish wedding.

And don't even get me started on the honeymoons.

I will attend weddings to which I'm invited to support my friends because I know that one day, when my "fiance" of 11 years and I are able marry, they will support me in return. **SEX COLUMNIST JASON STEELE IS A REDEYE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTOR.**



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Jeannie

Chicago gal who loves the Blackhawks, George Clooney, and her morning coffee.

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The architect is so yesterday's news. He didn't have time for me or online courses at NLU, so I've moved on... Olga knows where it's at. She's already completed her coursework in psychology through the traditional in-class, on-campus method, and she loved it. And she was able to transfer her credits from Triton and Morton Colleges, which made getting her BA in Psychology faster than she imagined.

But that's not enough for Olga. She's a real go-getter...and she wants more out of her life and her career, so Olga wants to go back to school to get her master's degree! But how will she do it? She works full-time as a recruiter and then goes home to take care of her three kids and husband, Tom...well, ok, four kids total. And then there's all her sisters and brothers, and their kids. The family gatherings, car-pooling, teacher conferences, community activities, sports with Christopher and playing on the computer with Amanda.

With Olga's hectic lifestyle and so many demands on her time, how will she go to graduate school? Will she fit in with the online crowd? See what happens in tomorrow's Sun-Times.

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- Twilight (PG-13) 1:00,2:00,3:40,4:45,6:30,7:30,9:15
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- Bolt (PG) 12:40 P.M.
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CROWN VILLAGE 18 (KERASOTES) (continued)

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- Madagascar 2 (PG) 12:00,2:30,4:50,7:15,9:50
- Striped Pajamas (PG-13) 1:20,3:50,6:45,9:15
- Role Models (R) 2:15,5:15,7:45,10:10

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- Role Models (R) 1:45,4:50,7:40,10:20
- Changeling (R) 3:30,6:40,9:45

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- Role Models (R) 12:50,6:50
- Soul Men (R) 3:30,9:15

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- Changeling (R) 8:40
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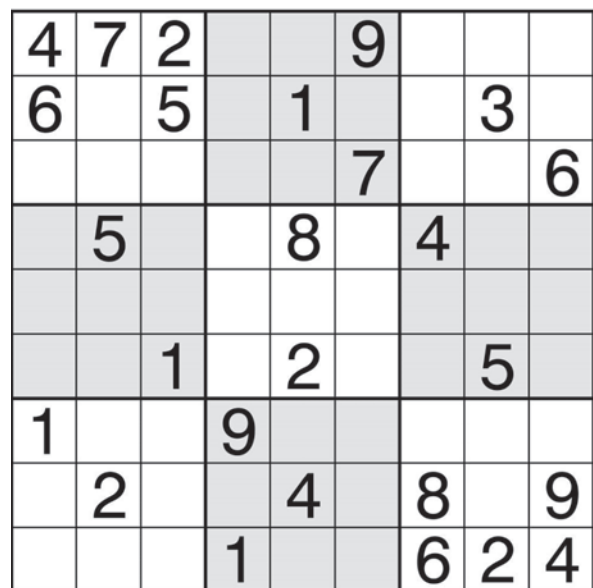
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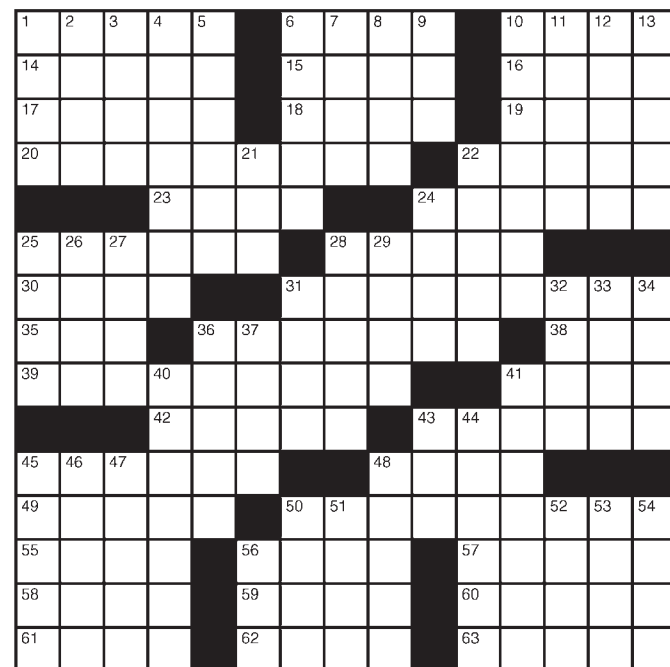
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15 Mob violence
16 Stern section
17 Title holder
18 Actress Bancroft
19 Exalted poet
20 Twisted into a confusing mass
22 Jargon
23 Golfer's bagful
24 "M*A*S*H" colonel
25 Took long steps
28 Cursor mover
30 Indigent
31 Communication closing
35 Airport schedule equivocation
36 Some sofas
38 Rabbit mother
39 Some party members
41 Hit on the head
42 Lion's plaints
43 Tendencies
45 Half the diameter
48 Took to court
49 Typo
50 Only penciled in
55 Labor
56 Poi source
57 Chopped into fine pieces
58 Royale, MI
59 Get out of bed
60 Correct
61 Morays
62 Rate of progress
63 "Angie Baby" singer

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- 1 Blackthorn
2 Hock
3 Bee or Em
4 Maker
5 Part of ERA



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7 Planted explosive
8 Water in the garden
9 Sault, Marie
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11 Emulated Pisa's tower
12 Colossal
13 Fervor
21 Holy smoke!
22 Finishes second
24 Purplish brown
25 Raced
26 Carry by hand
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Put it to the test



RedEye presents the Jessica Simpson personality profile

Jessica Simpson needs help—or at least she likes to get it. “I am the first person to go to Barnes & Noble and buy the new self-help book,” the singer tells the January issue of *Marie Claire*, according to excerpts on [usmagazine.com](#). “I like to fill out the surveys, then I get my friends’ opinions on how I answered to see if I was being honest with myself or not.”

Simpson, who is scheduled to make an appearance Saturday at the Macy’s on State Street to pimp her new fragrance, also talked about other ways she’s delving into self-improvement—she’s apparently thinking about taking a college course in religion. Her father, Joe, is a former Baptist minister, and she’s seen the Discovery Channel program about “The Da Vinci Code,” like, eight times, she tells *Marie Claire*.

Simpson’s chatter about self-help books and personality quizzes piqued RedEye’s interest. So we cooked up a self-evaluation and filled it out the way we think Simpson would—that is, if she’s really being honest with herself.



1. When you really need to unwind you ...
- A. Chill with Tony Romo.
 - B. Go through Romo’s cell phone records.
 - C. Watch reruns of “Newlyweds.”



2. What’s more important: Fame, family or fortune?
- A. Fame
 - B. Family
 - C. N/A. (My famous family has a fortune.)



3. Your ideal guy is ...
- A. Goony
 - B. Loony
 - C. Clooney



4. True or false: Tuna is the chicken of the sea.
- A. True
 - B. False
 - C. This question confuses me, and I want to go home.



5. Rank the following things that excite you, from most exciting to least exciting: Football, guitar music, Pete Wentz, Proactiv acne treatments, boots:
- Football
Proactiv
Guitar music
Boots
Pete Wentz

6. You are mostly a ...
- A. Daddy’s girl
 - B. Mama’s daughter
 - C. Sister’s keeper



9. Would you rather be a country singer with no fan base or a pop singer with no cowboy boots?
- A. Country singer
 - B. Pop singer
 - C. No comment



7. Trapped on a desert island, you can’t live without your ...
- A. iPod
 - B. Hair straightener
 - C. Recording studio



10. So you want to take a college class? What’s the first thing you need?
- A. Pens
 - B. Notebook
 - C. Special-edition DVD of “Old School.”



8. Would you live in Canada?
- A. Yes
 - B. No
 - C. Is that near Miami?



Federline
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Federline speaks out

Kevin Federline was “completely blindsided” by Britney Spears filing for divorce, the former backup dancer tells *People* magazine. “It’s hard enough to be in a marriage, and then have a kid, then kids; it changes everything. For me, I’d become more concerned with my children. Not that I ignored Britney, but my kids are always most important.” Since Spears’ public meltdown—and comeback—K-Fed says things are “turning around.” “I’m definitely rooting for her. There’s nothing more that I want than for her to be in the best health and doing what she loves to do.”

Spring fling

“Dancing with the Stars” will be coming back March 9 for its eighth season, etonline.com reports, and the popular show will go on tour. Two-time champ Cheryl Burke will team up again with Maurice Greene on the 38-city tour, which kicks off in San Diego on Dec. 17. The cast, which will dance into Allstate Arena on Jan. 9, will include Season 7’s Lance Bass, Toni Braxton and Marlee Matlin.

Oprah hits the road

Oprah Winfrey will be hosting her show from Washington, D.C., during the week of Barack Obama’s inauguration, according to “Access Hollywood.” “See you there ... that’s the place to be,” Winfrey said. She has rented out the Opera House at the Kennedy Center to film her show.

Lost in translation



“ I’m on the verge of it in some way—or it’s something I long for.”

—Jennifer Aniston talking about motherhood, according to excerpts on eonline.com

Translation: Stop asking me about pregnancy; I’m not Angelina “Baby Machine” Jolie.

“ First of all, I have never used the term ‘one-off.’ It’s simply not in my vocabulary.”

—Kim

Kardashian blogging about how she was misquoted when talking about the possibility of posing for *Playboy* again

Translation: I don’t even know what that means.



“ Like I said, I don’t understand why more people don’t wear sequins.”

—Brandon Flowers, singer of The Killers, tells London’s *Metro*

Translation: Wearing sequins is totally normal, right? Right?!



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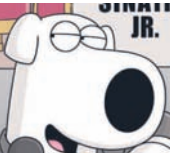
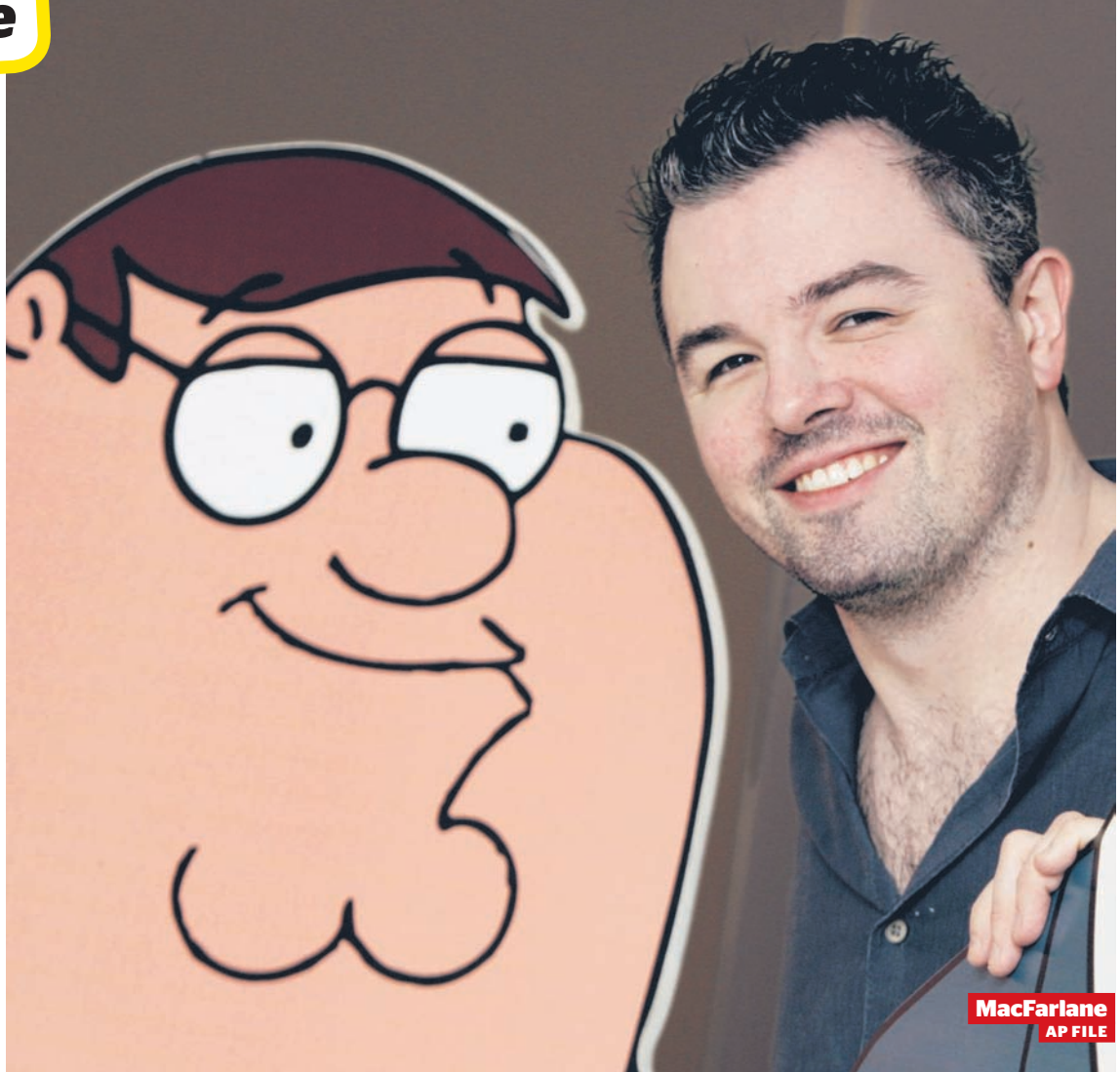
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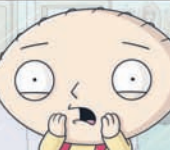
Seth MacFarlane voices several characters on "Family Guy." Which character uses MacFarlane's regular speaking voice? Text "seth" and the number of your answer to 47383. You'll get a text saying whether you were right or wrong.



1. Brian



2. Peter



3. Stewie



4. Quagmire

Smart attack

As Glenn Quagmire would say, "Giggity giggity goo!" "Family Guy" creator Seth MacFarlane tops Entertainment Weekly's list of the 25 smartest people in TV. MacFarlane, who also created "American Dad" and the upcoming "Family Guy" spin-off "The

Cleveland Show," is the highest-paid writer on TV, the magazine reports. "30 Rock" creator Tina Fey is second on the list, according to The Associated Press. Oprah Winfrey comes in at No. 6.

THE VELVET ROPE



Vampire rock

"Twilight's" Kristen Stewart loves rock 'n' roll—or at least her character does in her newest role. According to The Hollywood Reporter, Stewart (above) has signed on to play rocker girl Joan Jett in "The Runaways," a biopic about the '70s all-girl band. Filming likely will start next year, but fear not, "Twilight" fans—it'll be worked around Stewart's commitments to two upcoming vampire flick sequels.

Kanye: Back at ya, Colbert

Kanye West has responded to Stephen Colbert's Monday night show in which Colbert launched "Operation Humble Kanye." The response: "Who the [bleep] is Stephen Colbert," the "808s and Heartbreak" rapper Twittered yesterday. Meanwhile, West earned his third straight No. 1 on The Billboard 200 with his latest album, billboard.com reported. And save the date: He's set to perform on "Saturday Night Live" on Dec. 13.

Prop. 8: The musical

The Proposition 8 battle has moved to funnyordie.com—in mini-musical form. The star-studded, 3-minute musical shows gay marriage backers and opponents debating California's gay marriage ban in song. Jack Black appears as a singing, dancing Jesus; the video also features Neil Patrick Harris, John C. Reilly, Margaret Cho and Sarah Chalke, among others. "It was the fanciest piece of community theater I've ever seen," Adam Shankman, who directed the piece, told Us Weekly.

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Number of Essence Music Festivals that will have taken place by July '09. Beyonce, who will headline, is the first artist to sign up for next year's fest to be held in New Orleans, AP reported.

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